

- Some passages have been taken out of context from God's word to make us think that our faith is an indiscernible mystery or quintessentially doubt.

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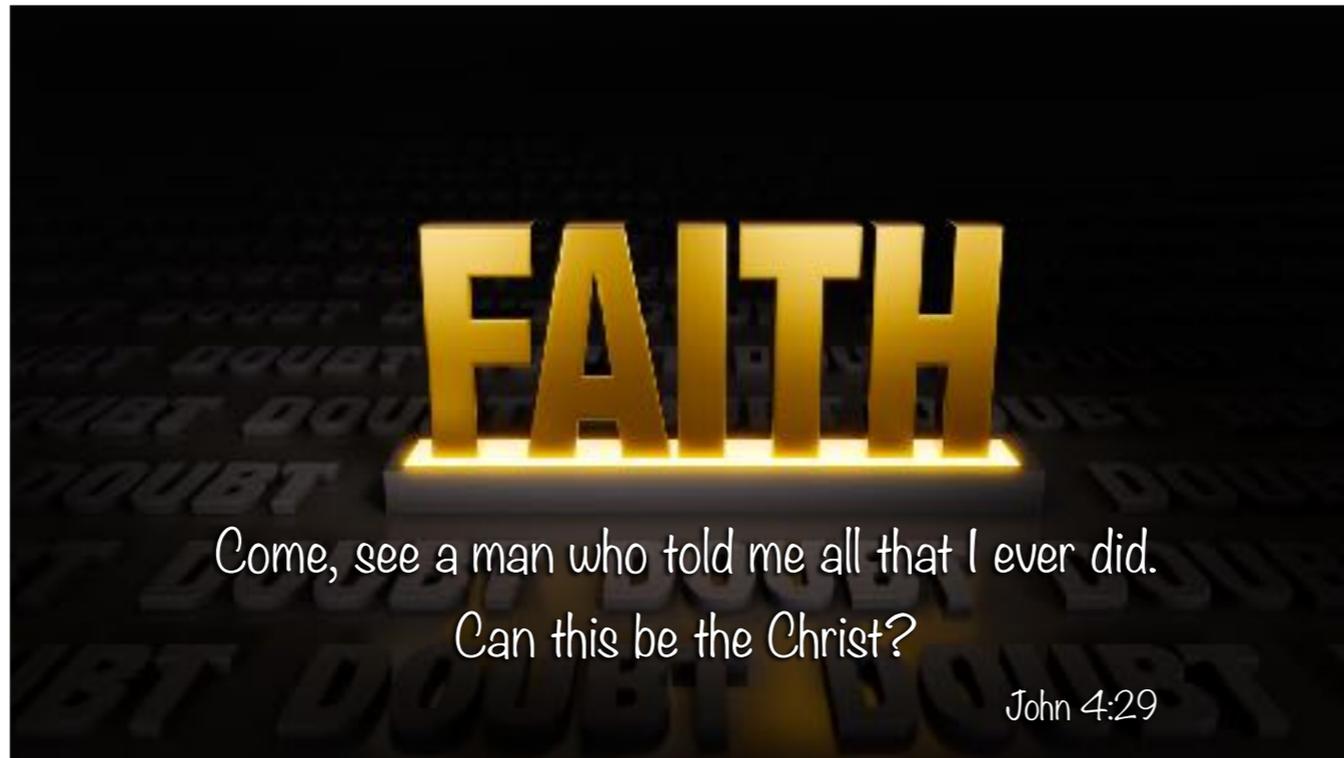
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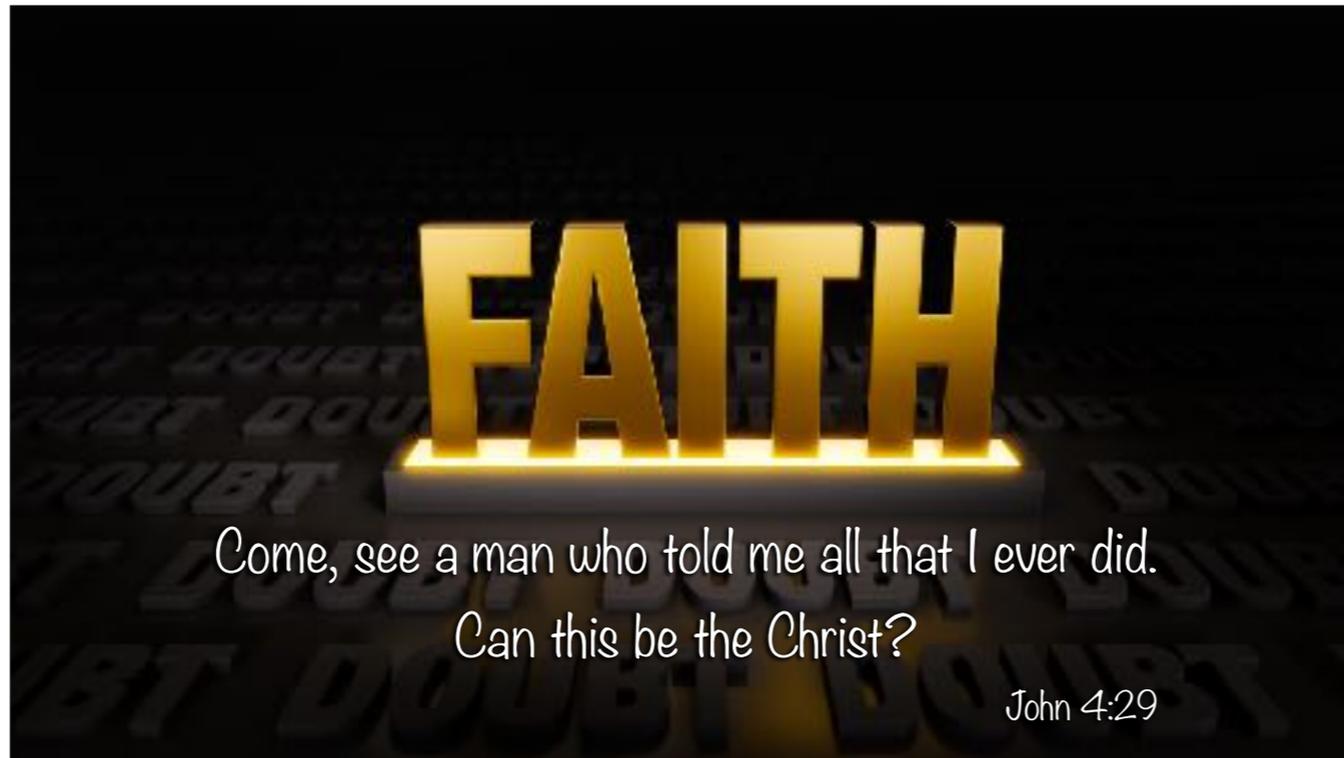
- 2 Corinthians 5:7 for we walk by faith, not by sight.
- Some have interpreted this to the extreme meaning that we can never know for sure and there will always be uncertainty: about God, about Jesus, about salvation and forgiveness.



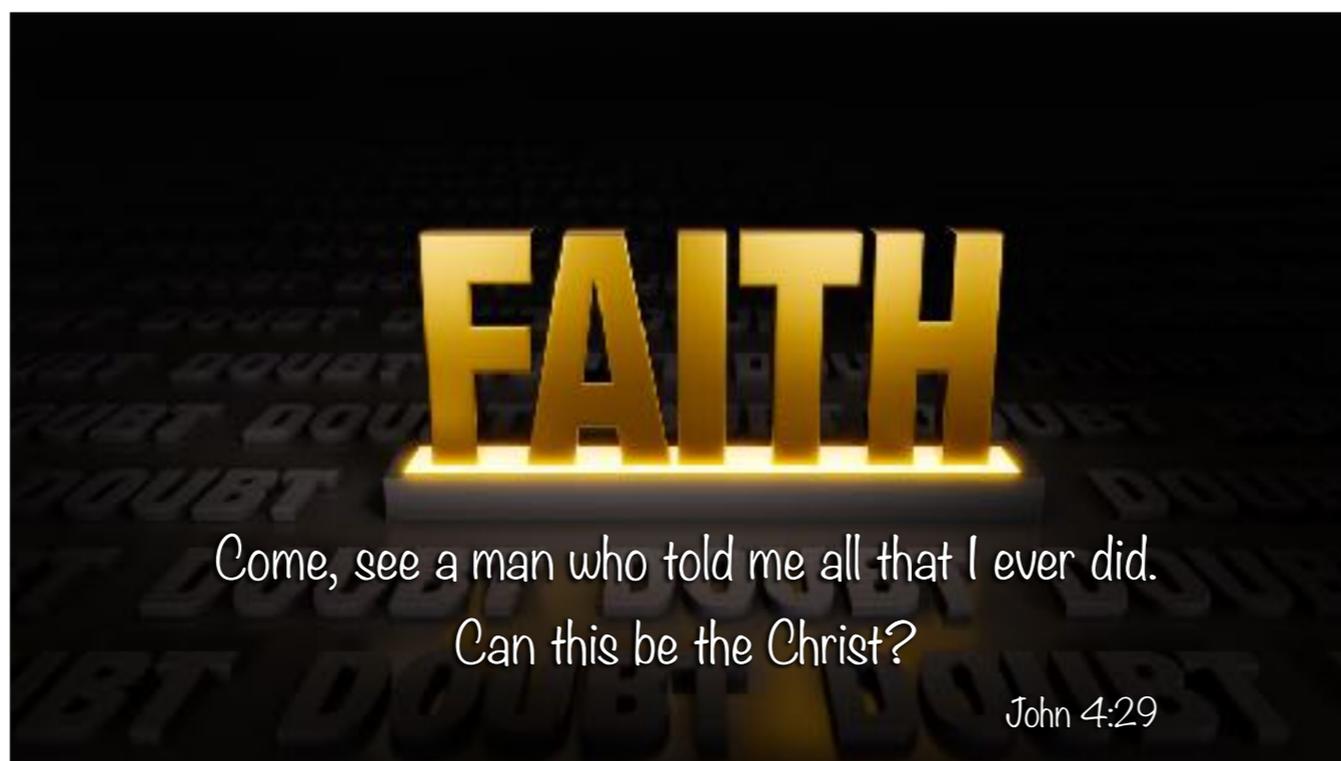
- However, the balance is that our God has revealed himself sufficiently that we can know both who he is as far as he has revealed himself and that we can trust in him.
 - This doesn't mean he's told us everything.
 - 1 Corinthians 13:9 For we know in part
 - It does mean that we know enough.
 - We can be sure.



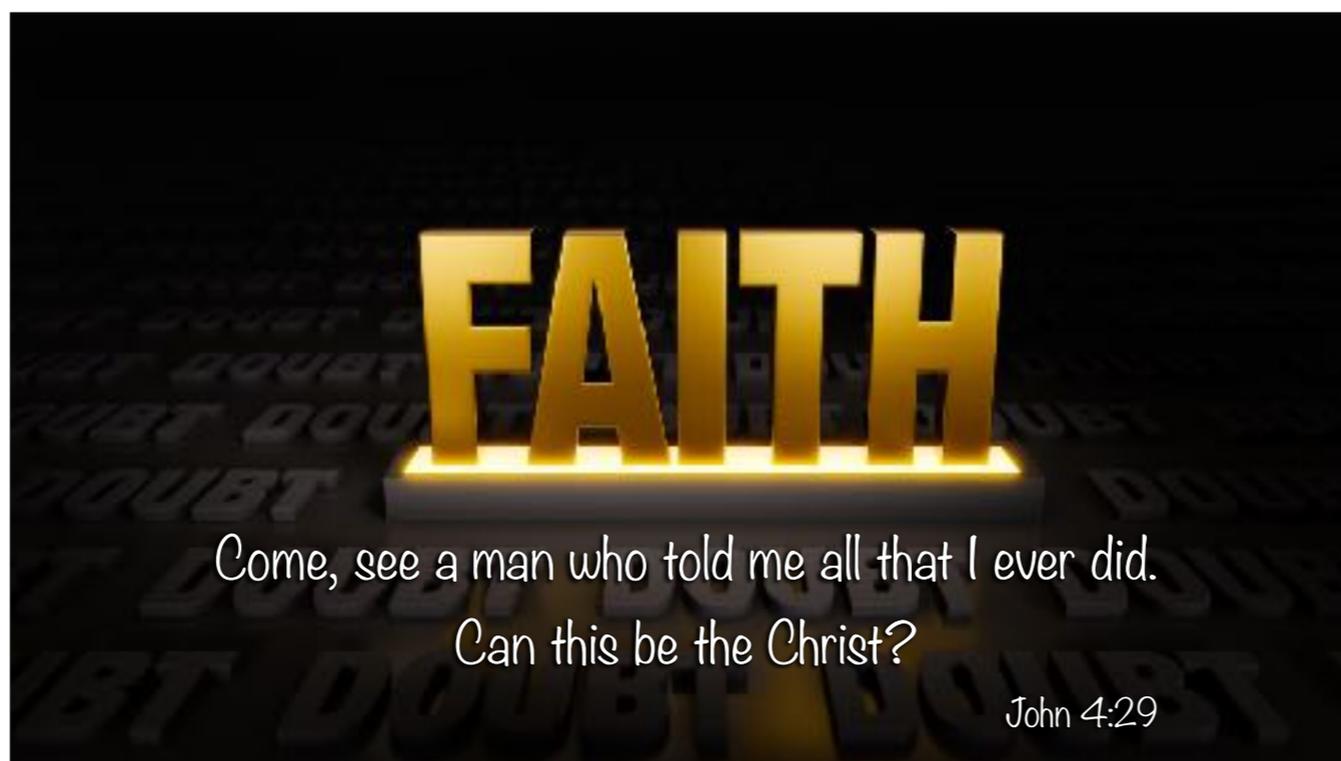
- Knowing who Jesus is was not easy, even for the people of his day
 - John 4:29 “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?”



- John 7:25-31 (ESV)
- 25 Some of the people of Jerusalem therefore said,
 - “Is not this the man whom they seek to kill?
 - 26 And here he is, speaking openly, and they say nothing to him!
 - Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Christ?
 - 27 But we know where this man comes from,
 - and when the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from.”



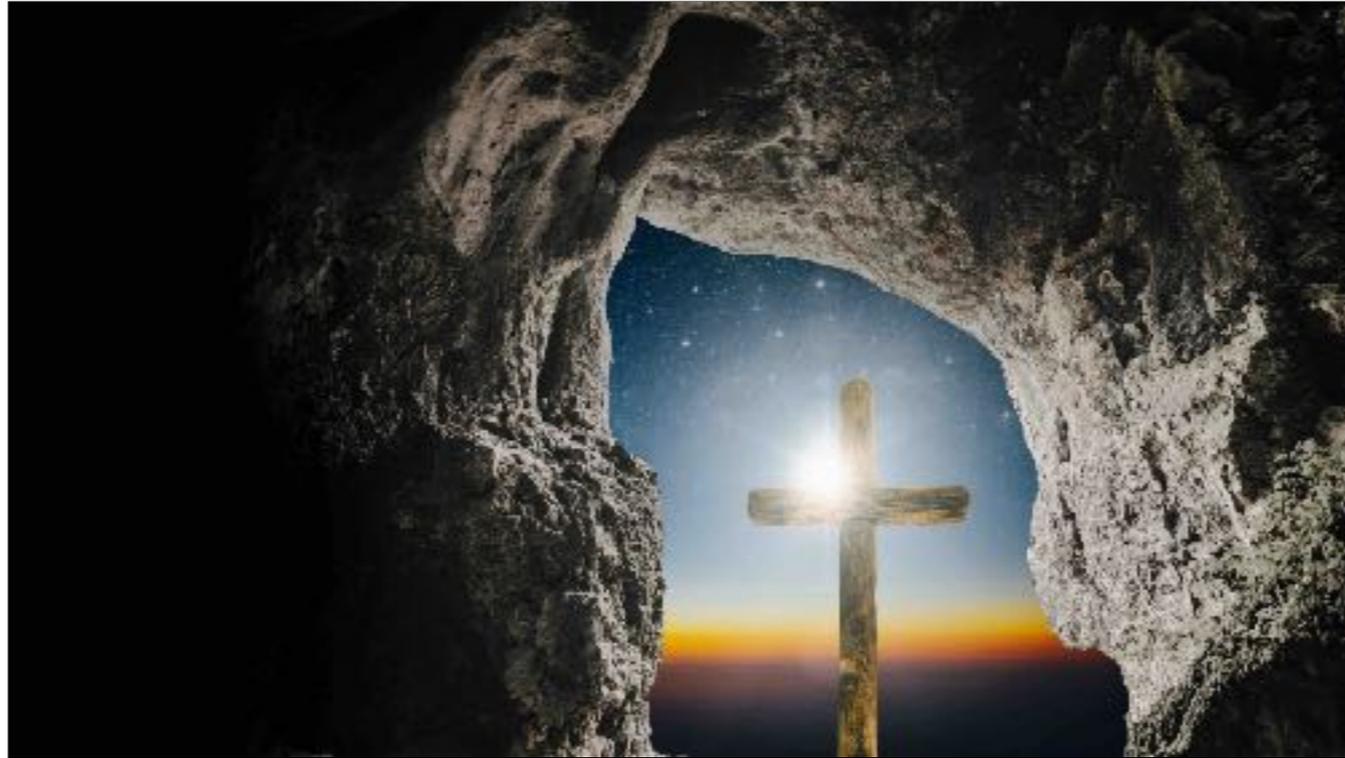
- 28 So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple,
 - “You know me, and you know where I come from.
 - But I have not come of my own accord.
 - He who sent me is true, and him you do not know.
 - 29 I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me.”



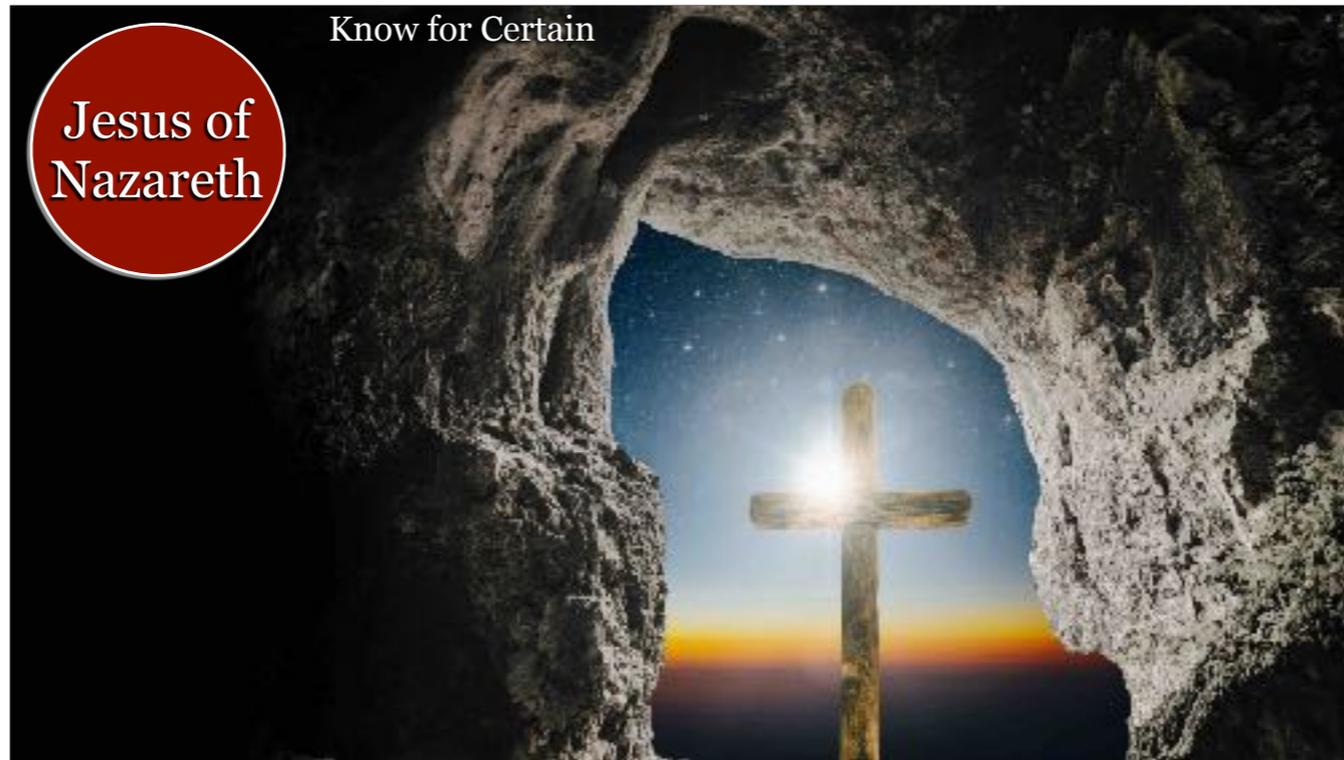
- 30 So they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come.
- 31 Yet many of the people believed in him.
 - They said, “When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this man has done?”



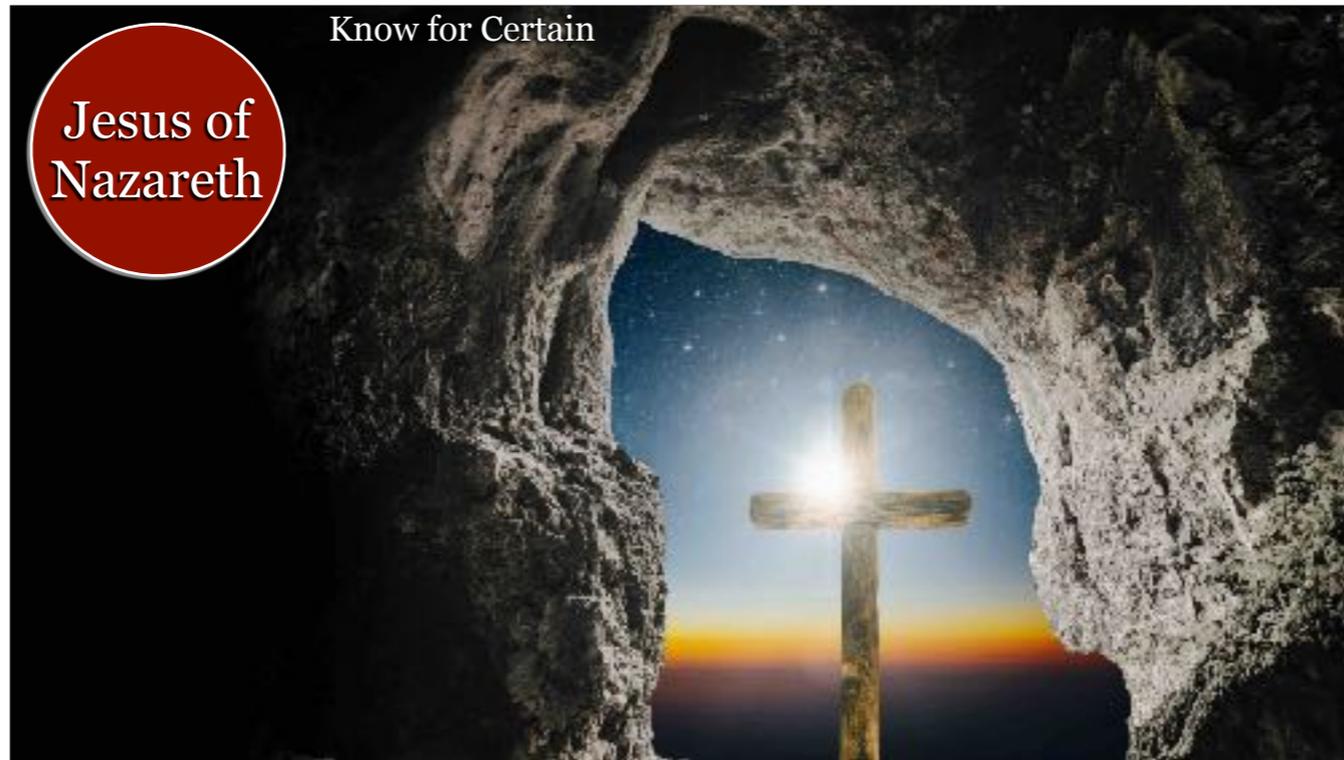
- John 8:32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”



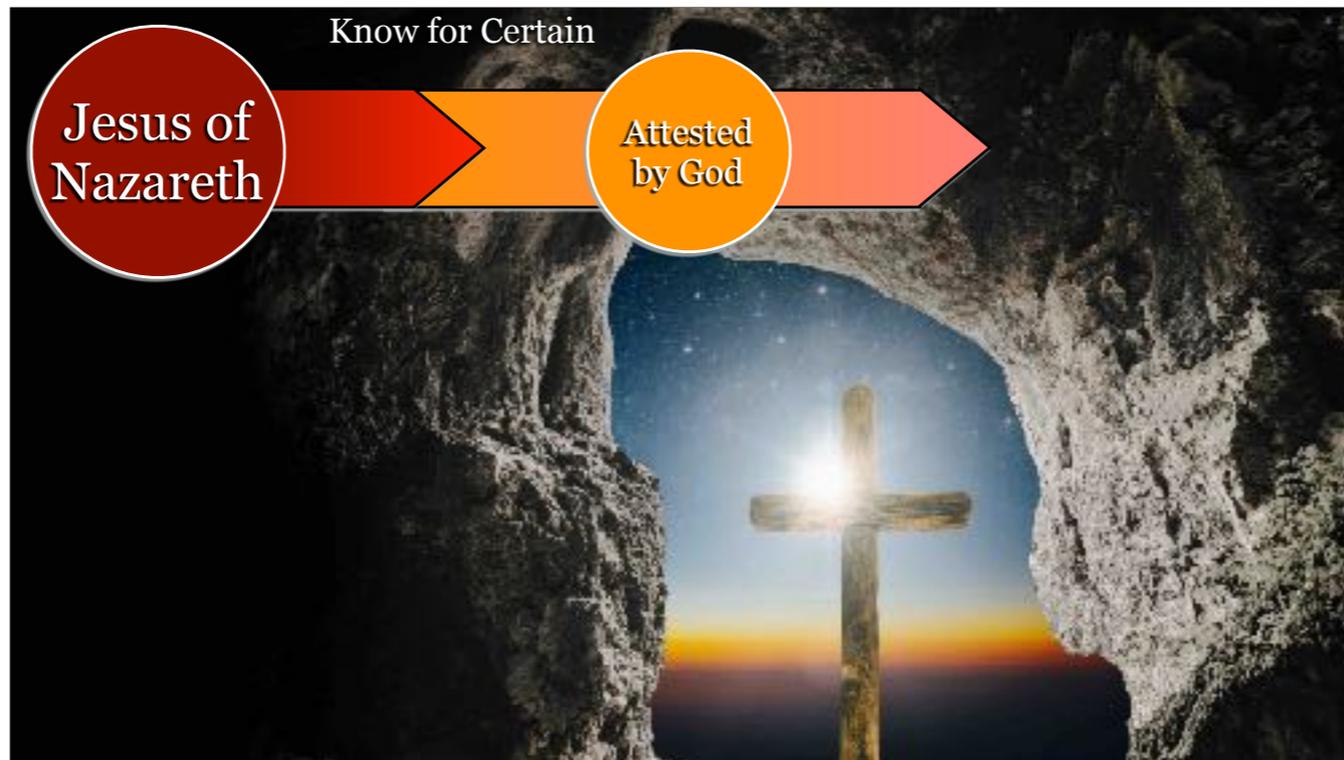
- Some strange things had happened in Jerusalem lately,
- About a 7 weeks ago,
 - they had seen 3 hours of darkness,
 - the curtain in the temple was torn in two,
 - there was an earthquake and rocks split and
 - the tombs were opened and the dead raised.
- Now, the disciples of Jesus are speaking in tongues... What does this mean?
- Acts 2:14-41



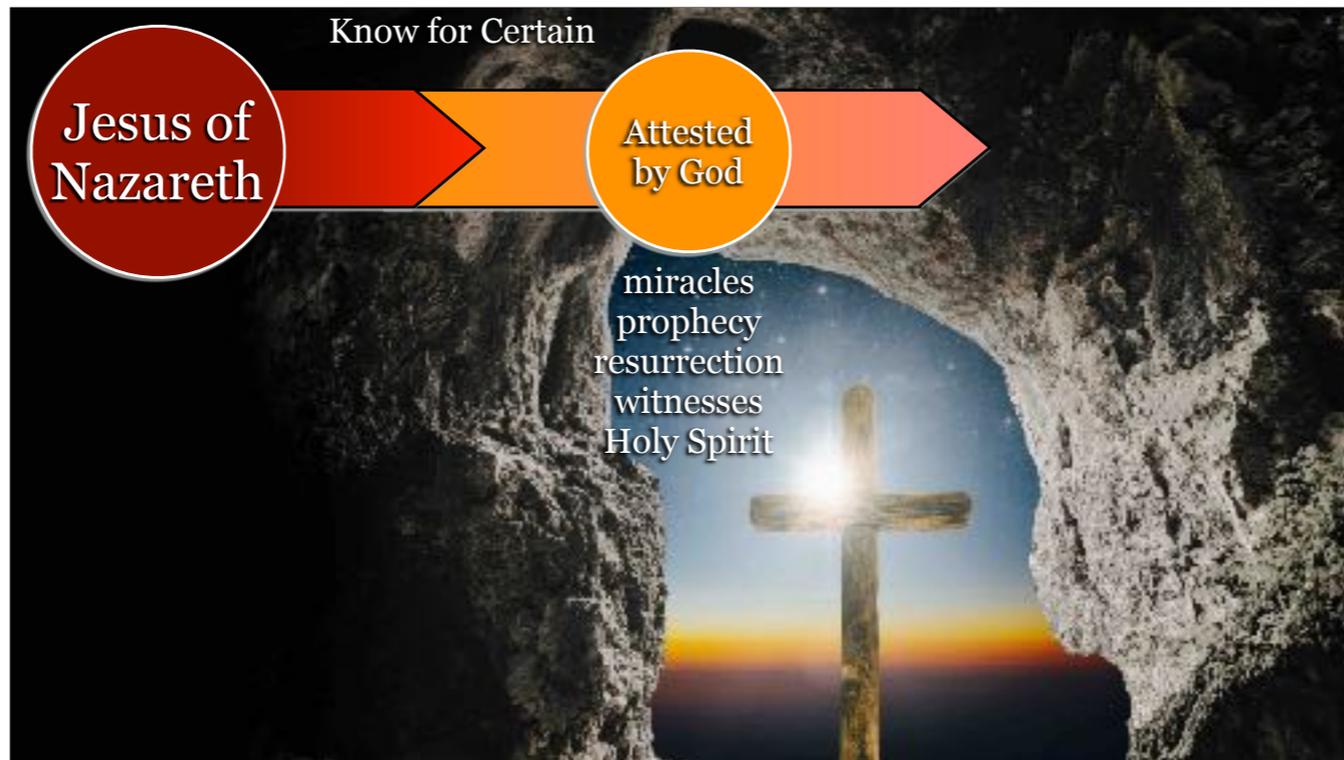
- Note:
 - 22: Jesus of Nazareth
 - 23: This Jesus
 - 32: This Jesus
 - 36: This Jesus
- Peter must convince these Jews that the Jesus they had seen was more than they had realized...
- He was not just another man, teacher, miracle worker or prophet
- His life and death were not just an accident or a tragic story



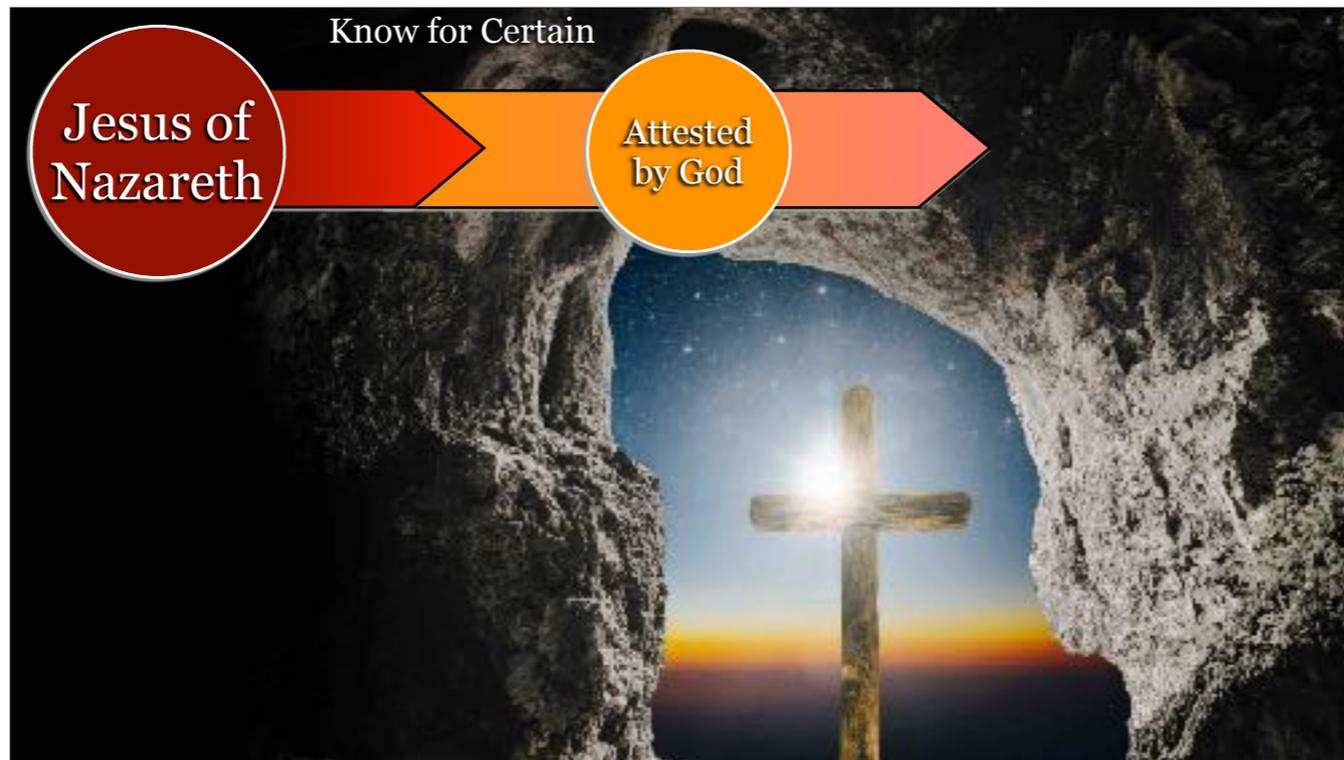
- Peter must convince them that Jesus' life, death and resurrection was the most important thing to ever happen on earth... There is nothing—nothing—more important.



- A man
- Attested
 - (Approved)
 - Thayer: to declare, to show, to prove; to prove by arguments, demonstrate
- God has made it clear who Jesus really is...
 - It has been proven. It is factual.
 - John 8:31-32 — So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

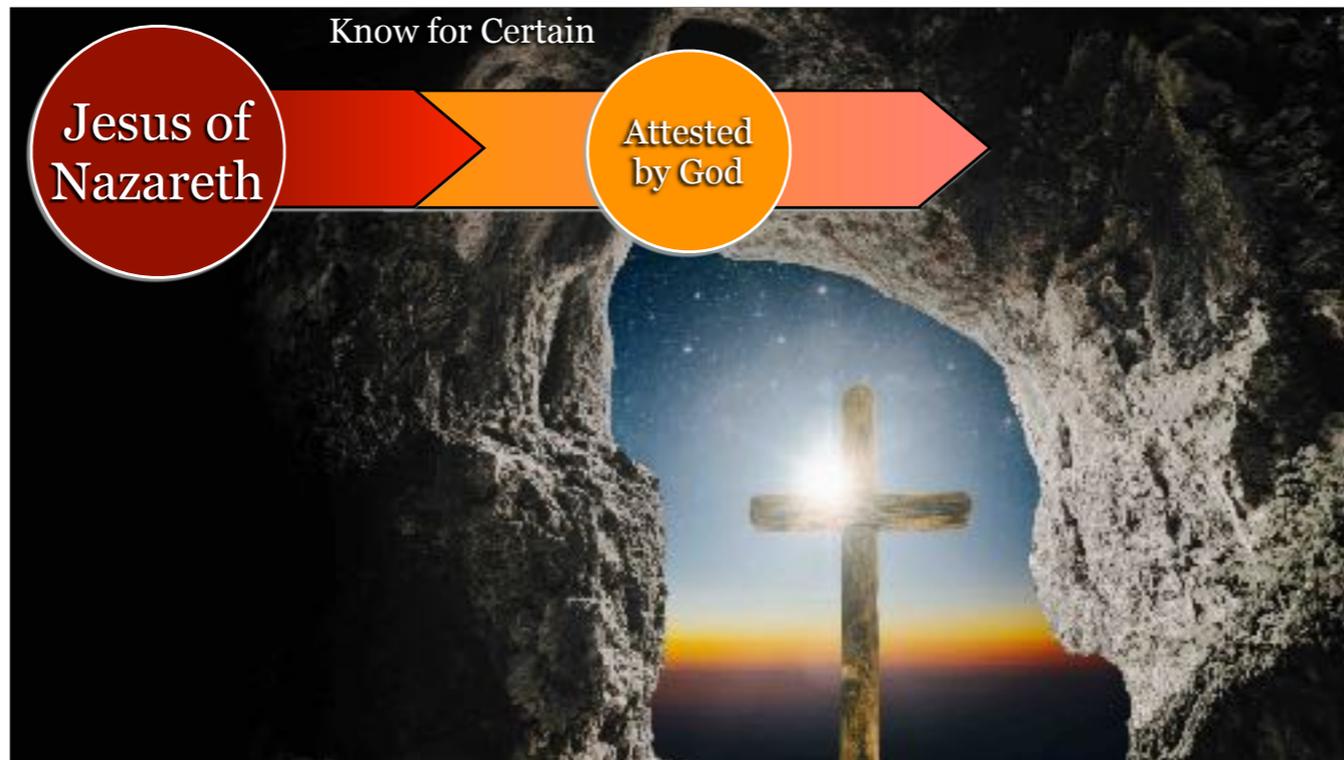


- Five Witnesses: Miracles; Prophecy; Resurrection, Witnesses, Holy Spirit
- Jesus is Lord and Christ
 - Lord = master; power of deciding: Judge, Ruler, King
 - Christ = anointed; Messiah: Savior
- Acts 5:31: God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.



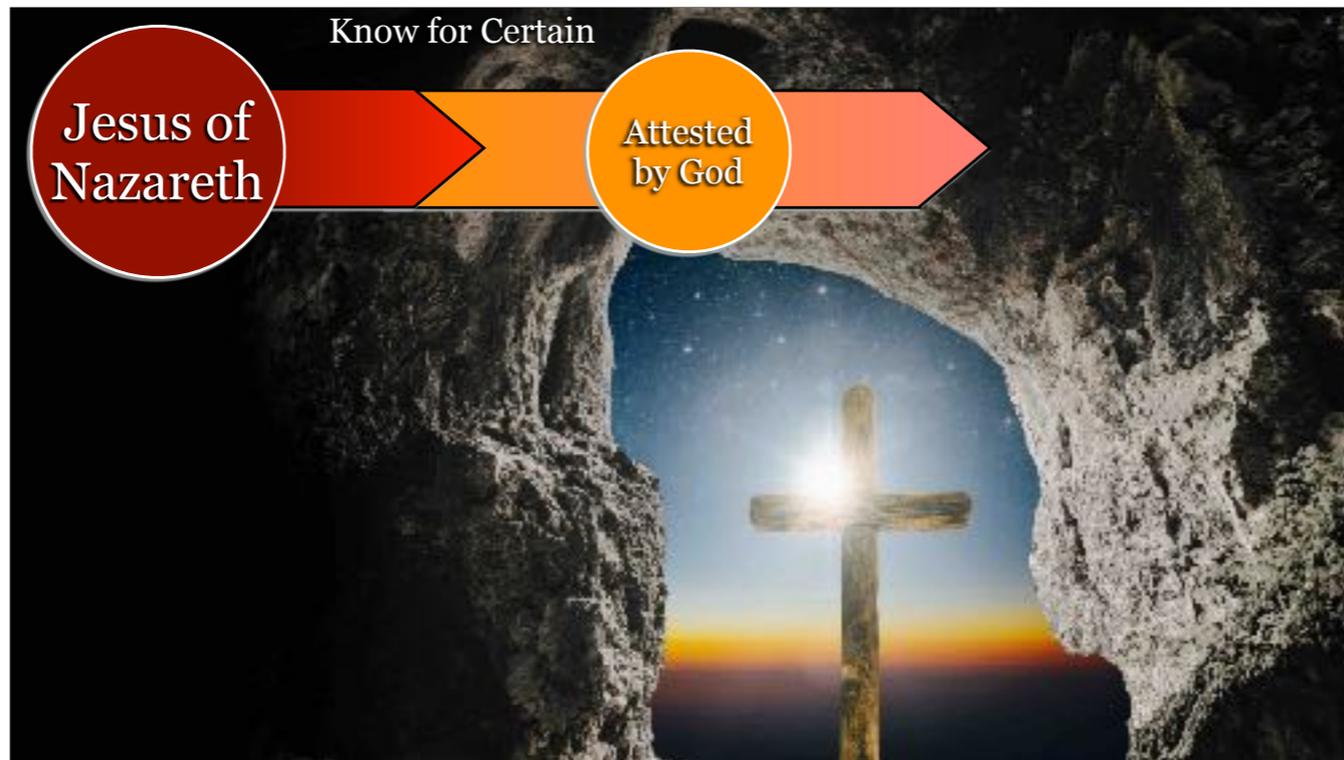
- First Witness: Miracles

- Acts 2:22 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—

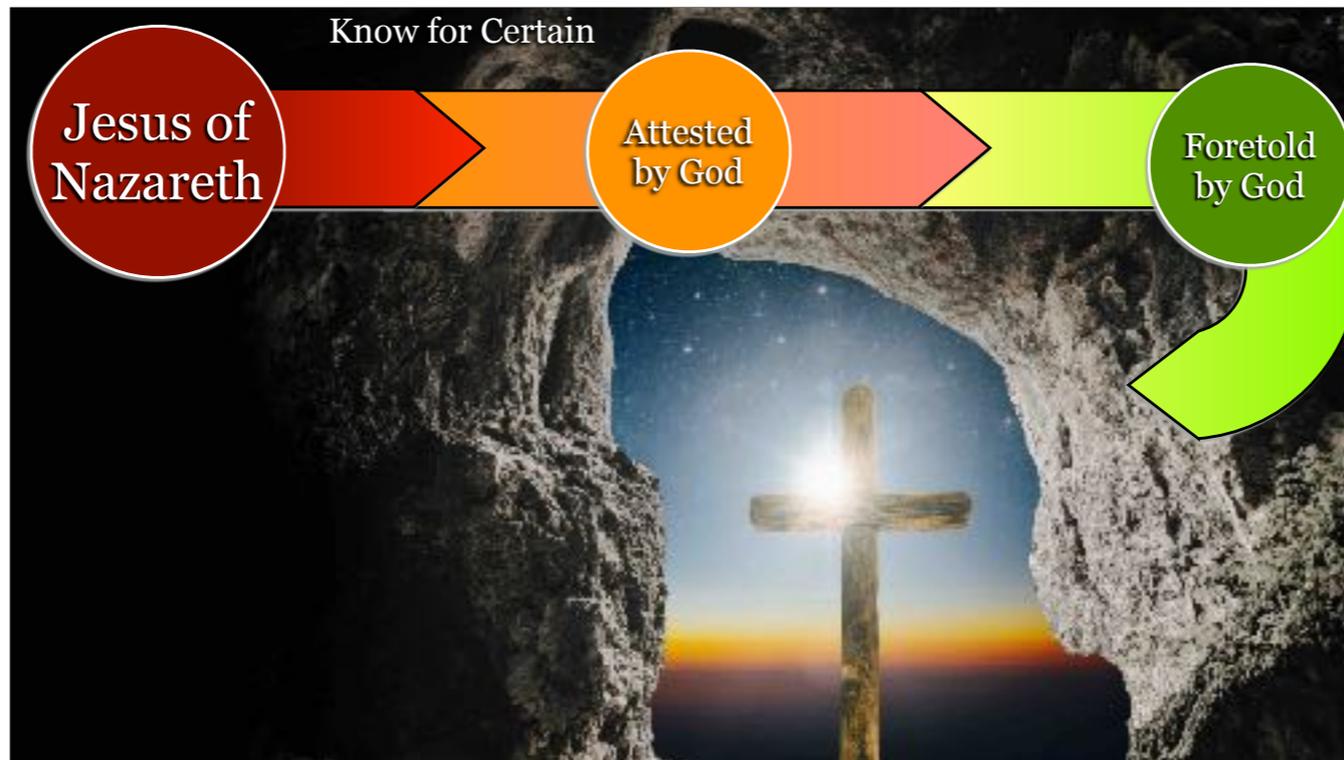


- Jesus' answer to John's Disciples....

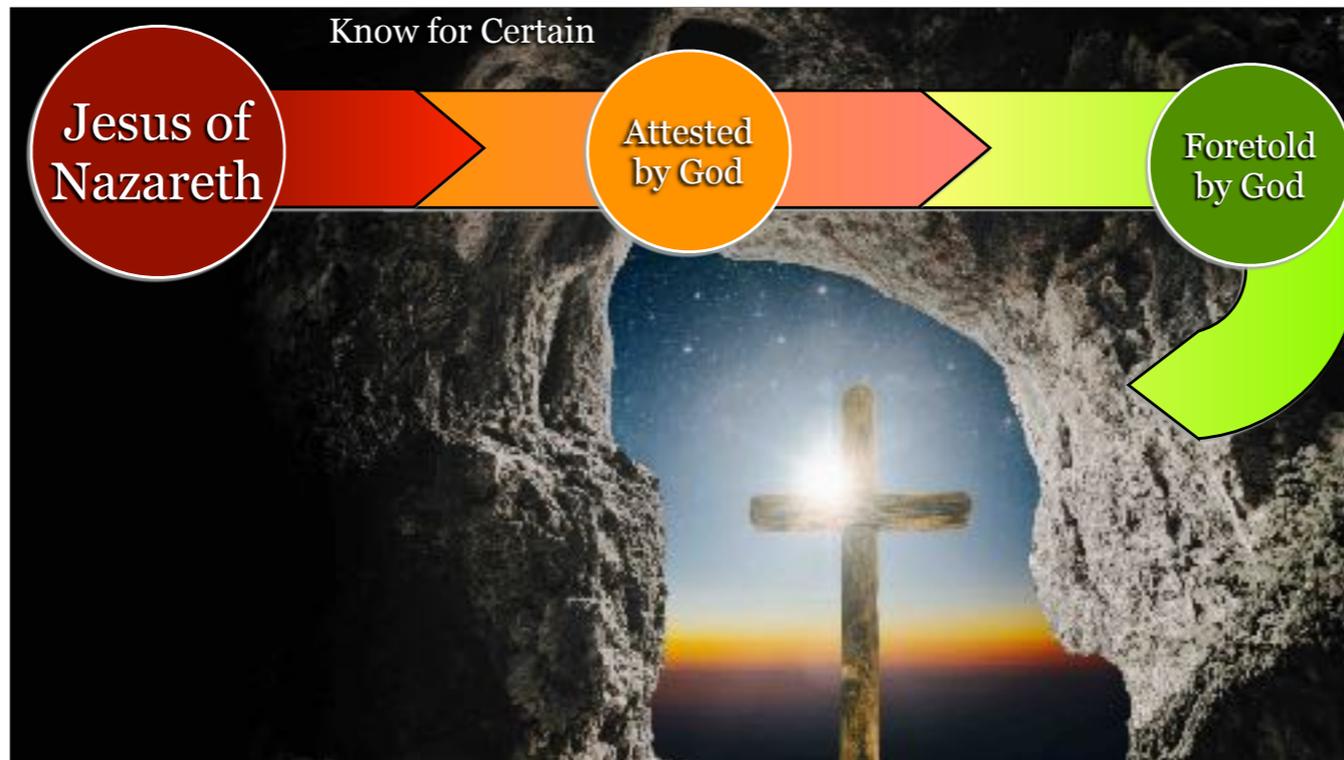
- Luke 7:20 And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'"
- Luke 7:22 And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them.



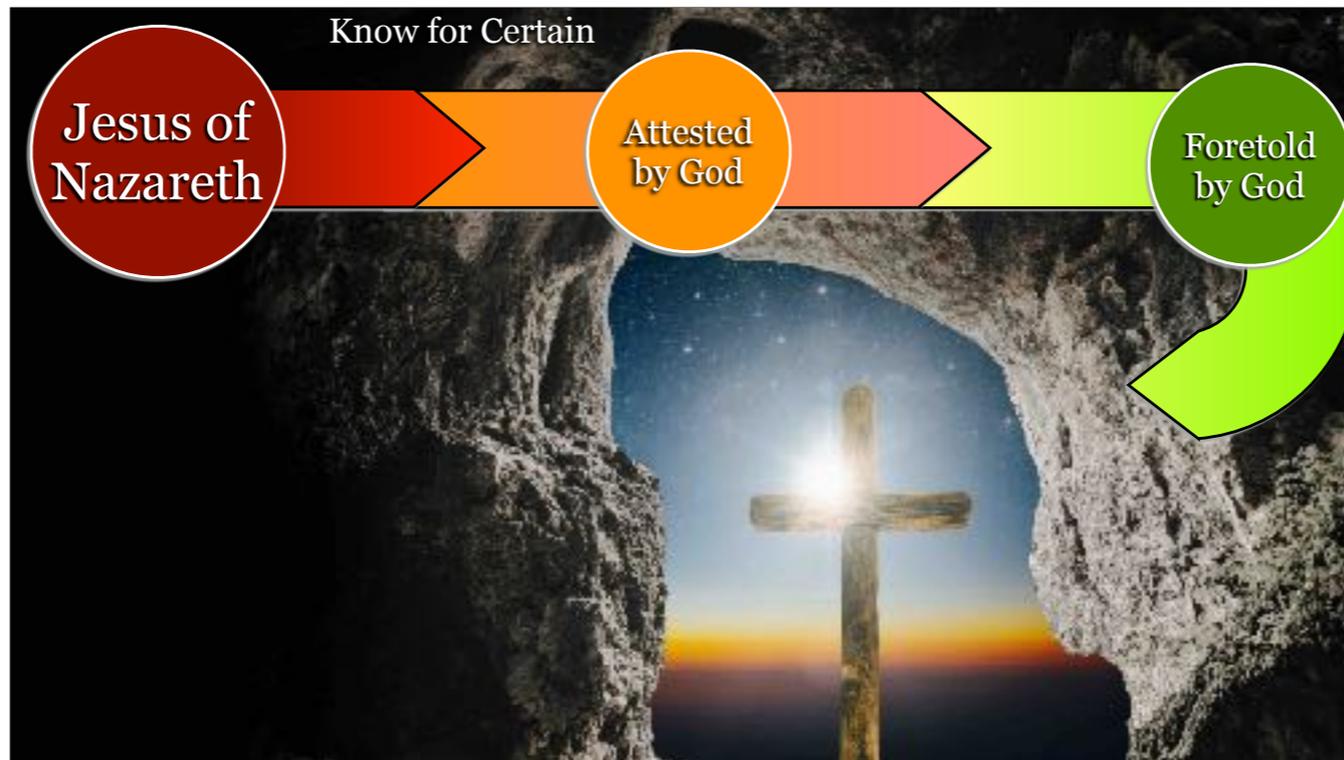
- God bore witness
 - Hebrews 2:3-4 — how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, 4 while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.
- Feeding 5,000 and then 4,000
- Resurrection of Lazarus



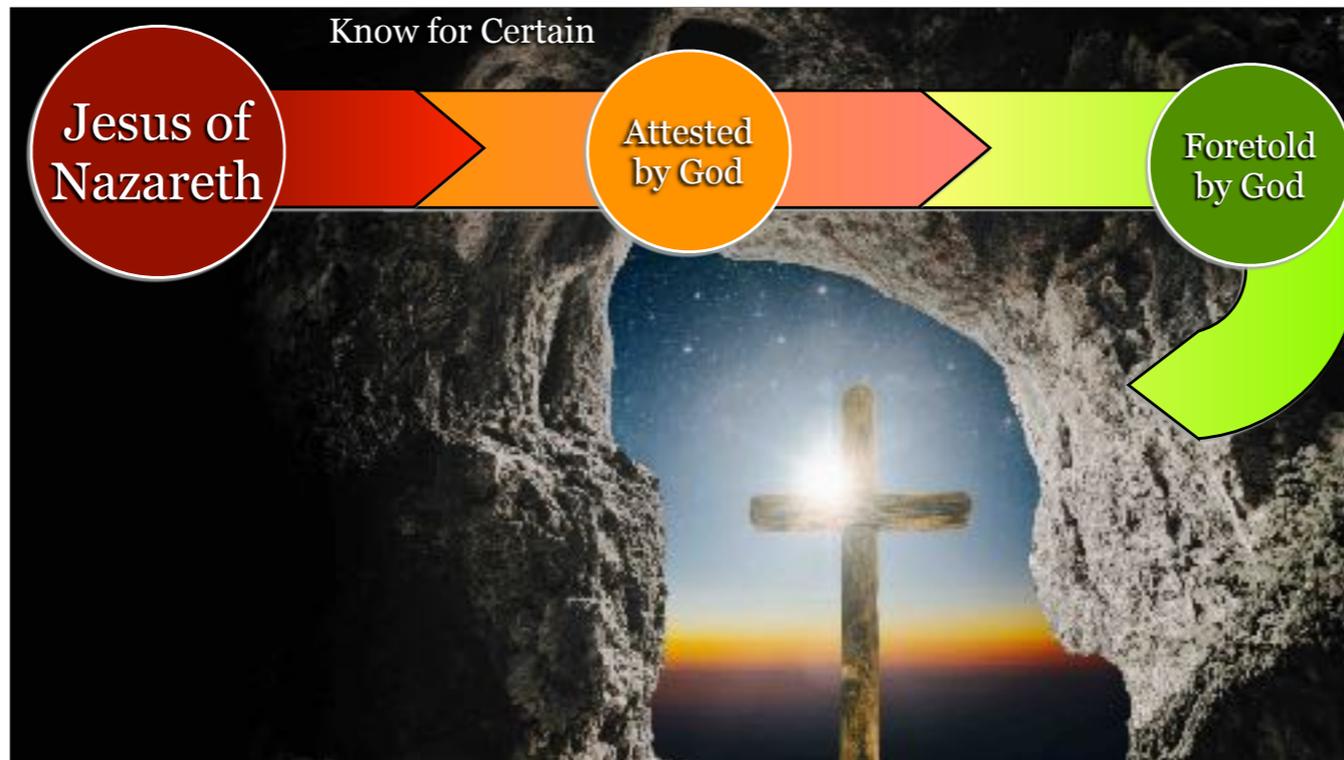
- 2nd Witness: Prophecy
 - Acts 2:23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.
- All the events that the Jews had witnessed were not accidental or coincidental: they fulfilled God's plan and were revealed to the Jews centuries before by Prophets



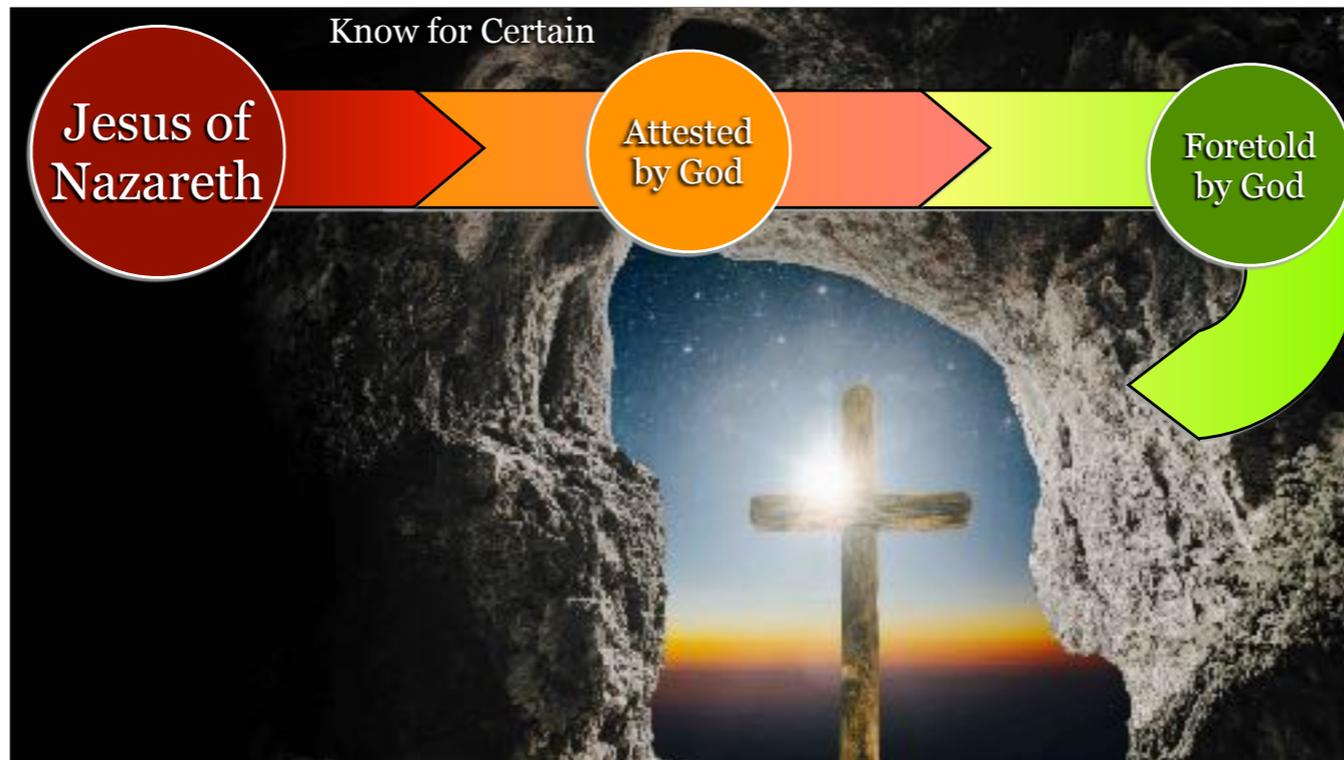
- Isaiah 53:5-6 — But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.



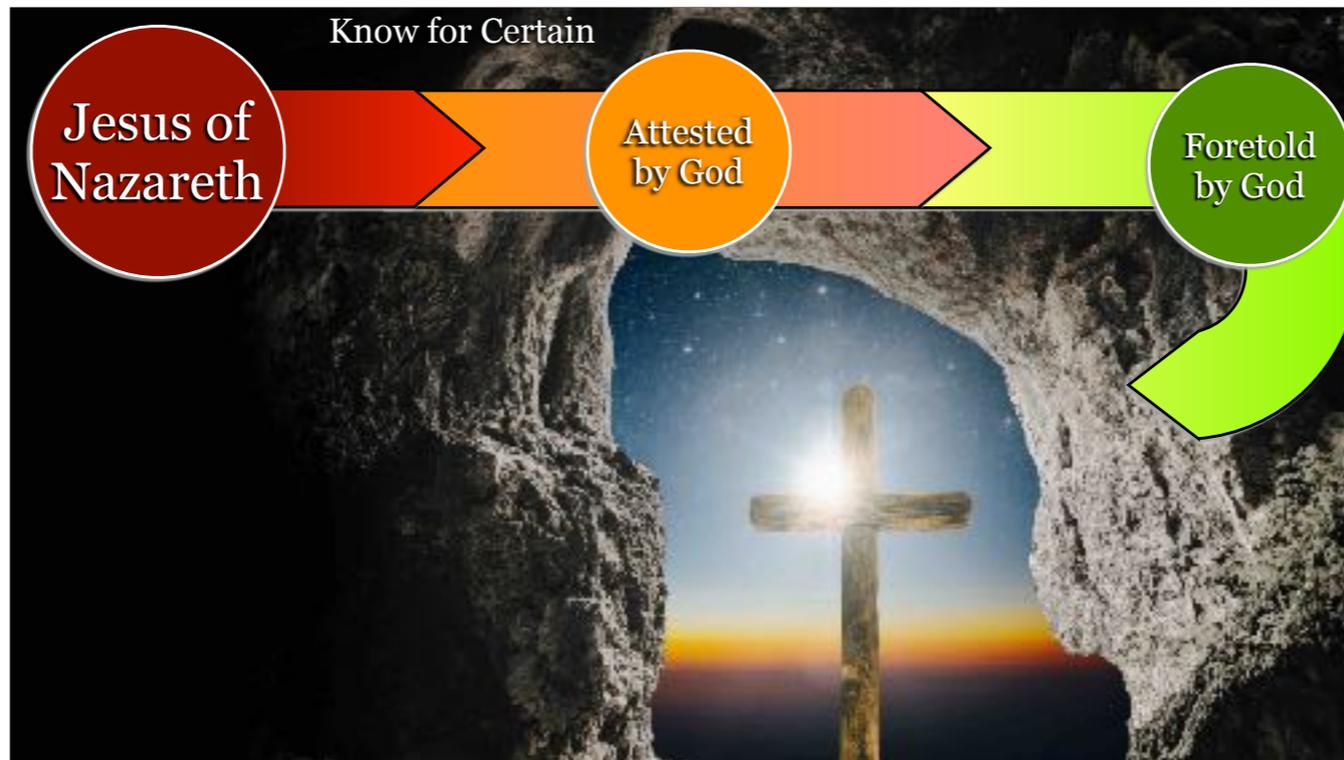
- Isaiah 53:8-9 — By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.



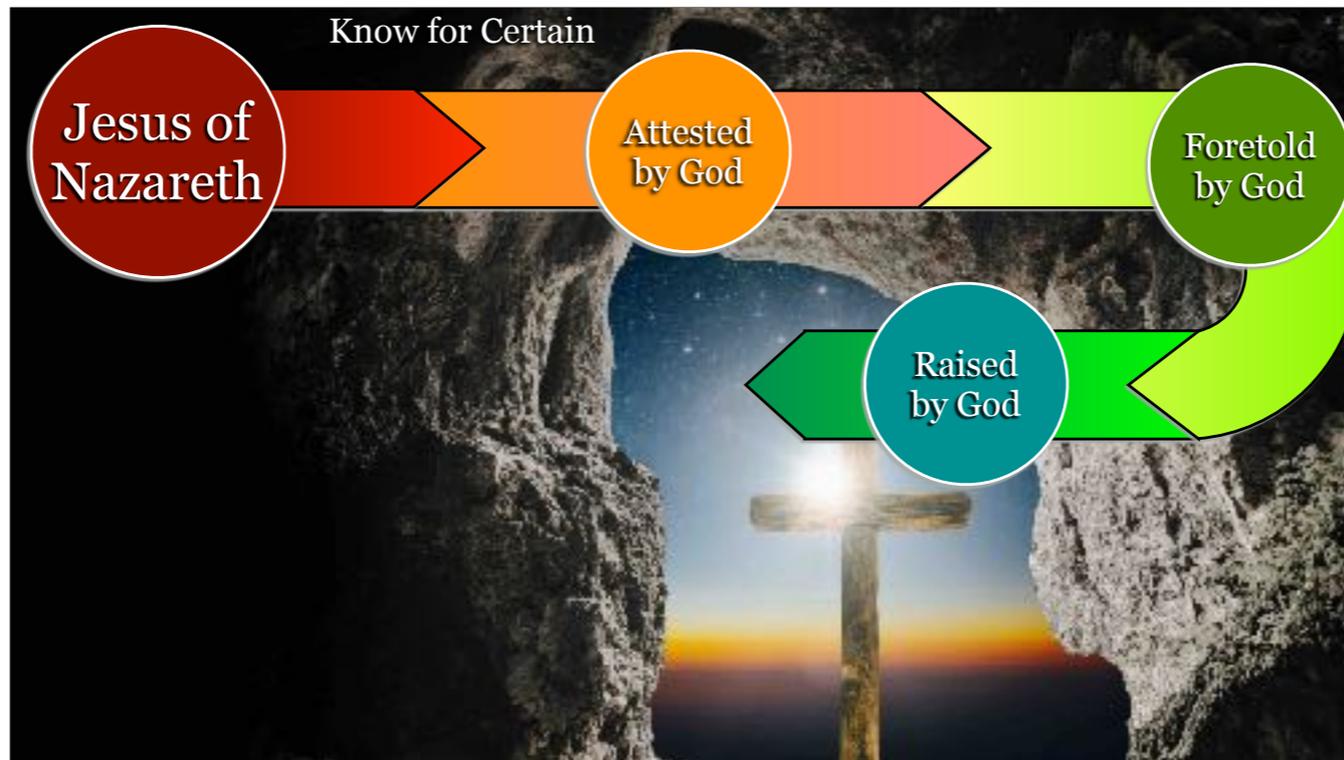
- Isaiah 53:12 — Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.



- Daniel 9:24-27 — “Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place. 25 Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time. 26 And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed. 27 And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.”



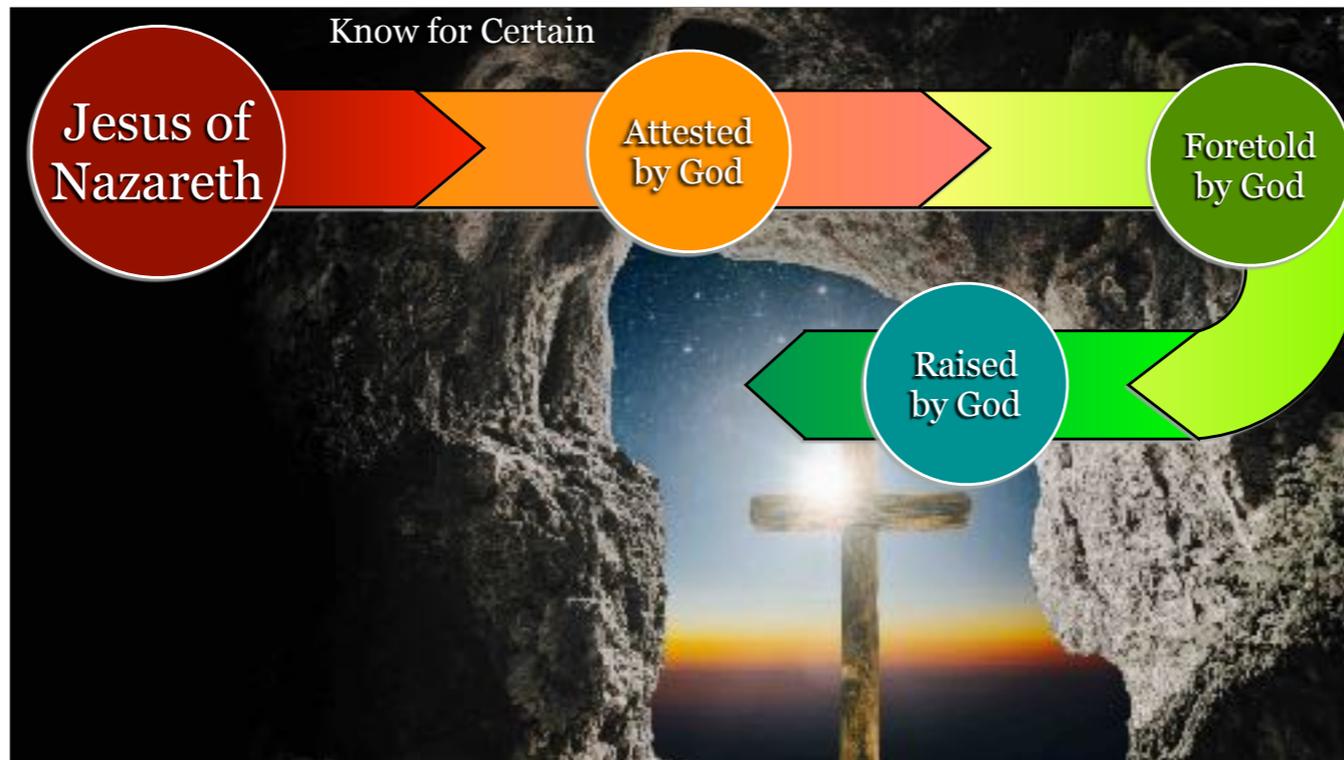
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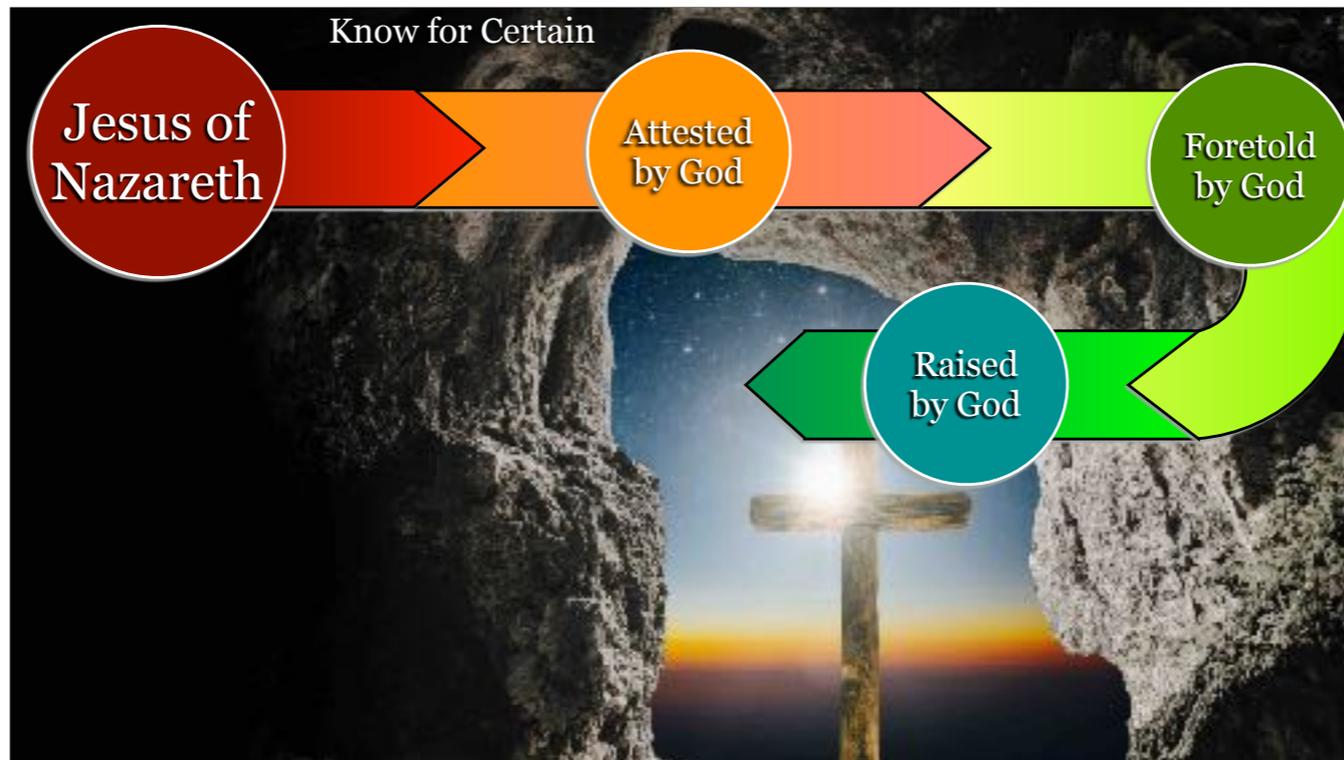
- 3rd Witness: The Resurrection

- Acts 2:24-32

- God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. 25 For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; 26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. 27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. 28 You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ 29 “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, 31 he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.



- This is a very powerful proof, and not easy to believe.
 - People don't come back from the dead.
 - Peter spends most of his time on this proof.
- Key: The Tomb is Empty... How can this be explained.
 - Jewish leaders tried to hide what happened
 - Matthew 28:13 and said, "Tell people, His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.'

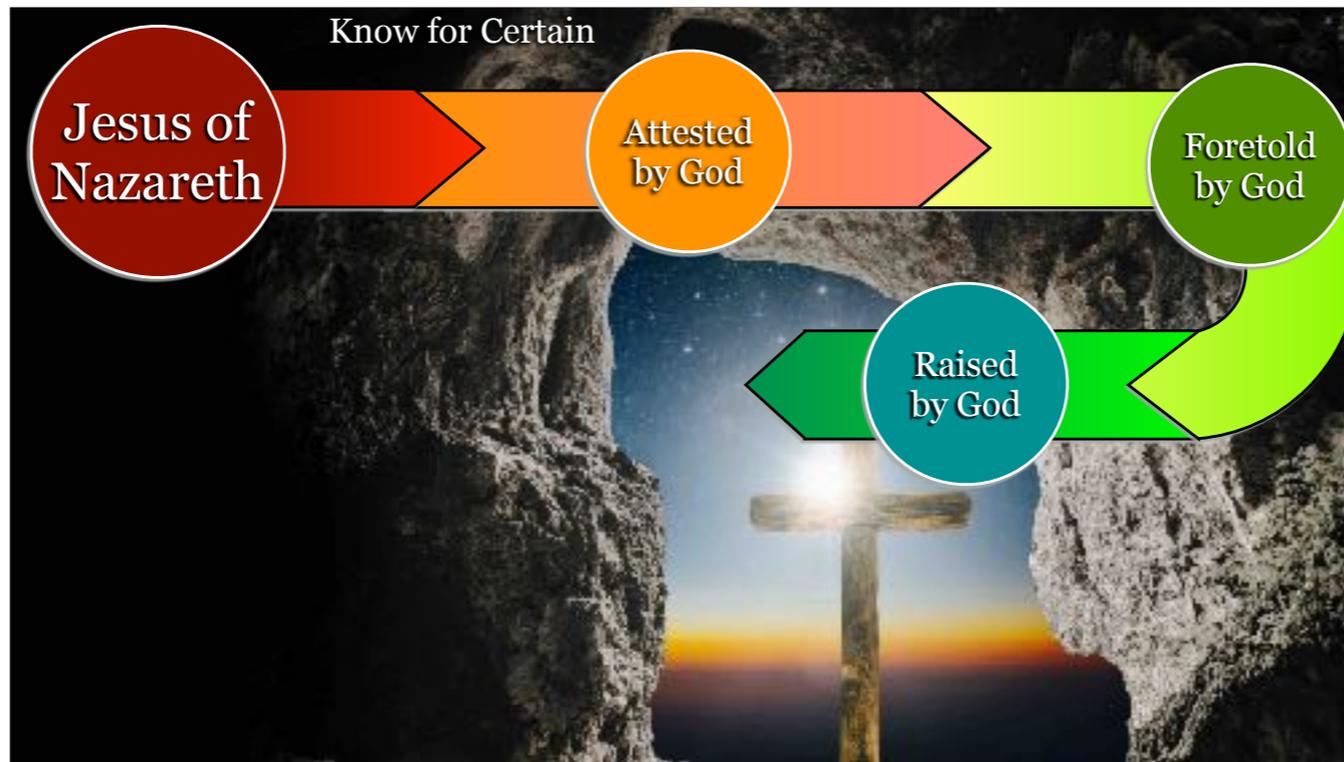


- Peter's explanation

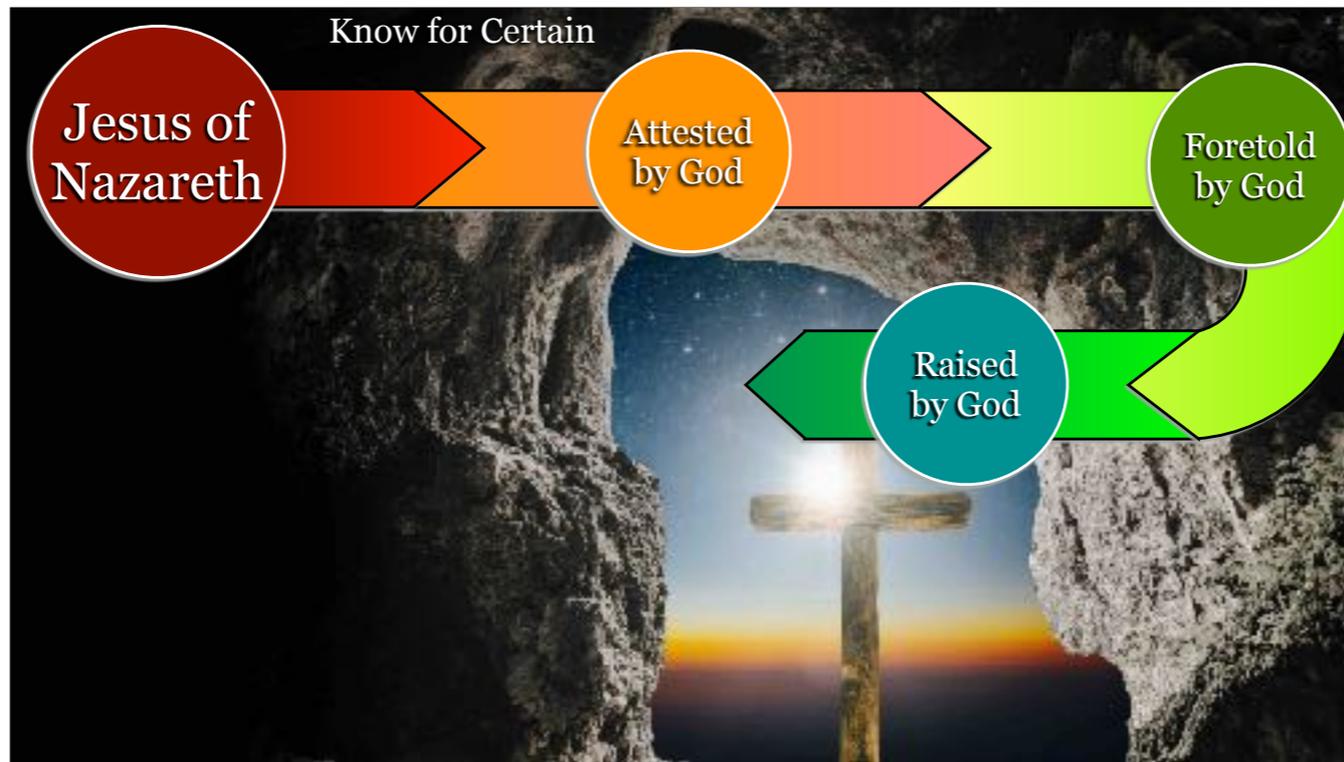
- It was not possible for Jesus to be held by Death

- Jesus was a man, but He is also Deity

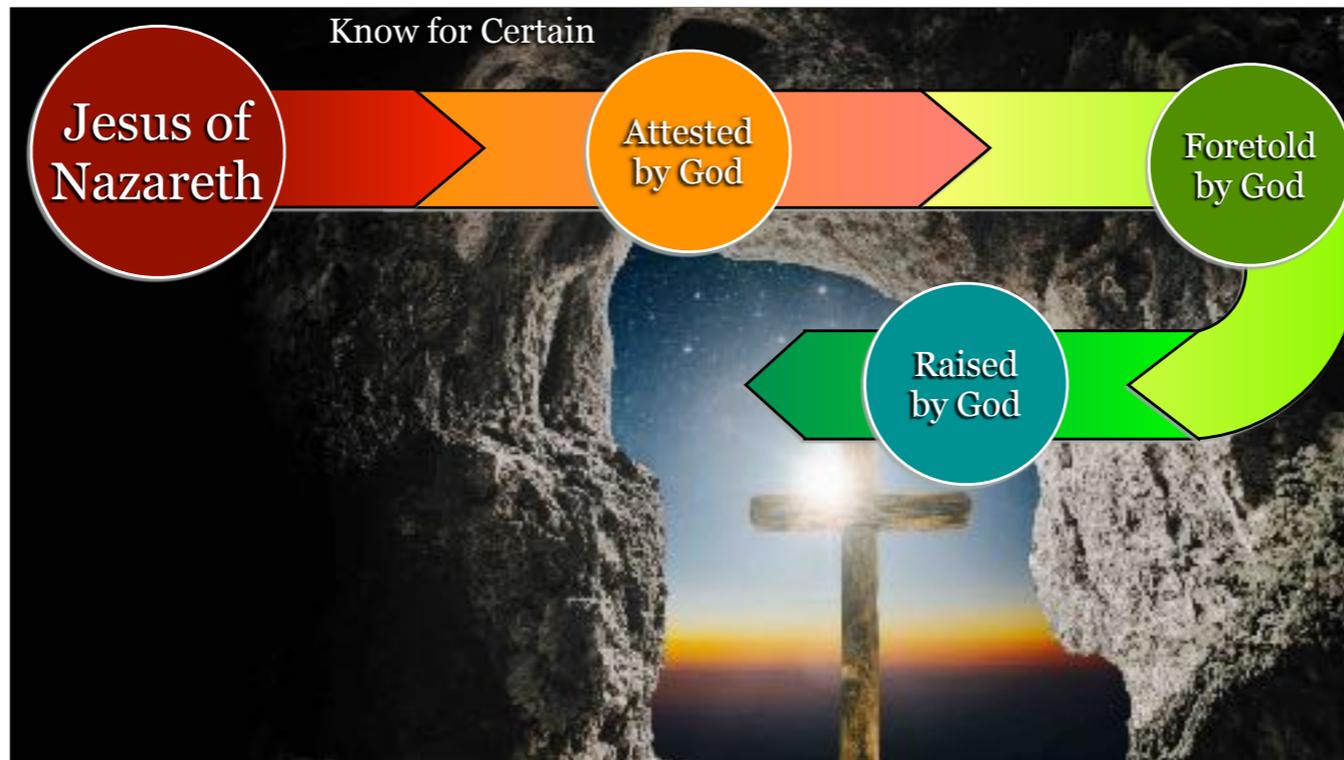
- Romans 14:9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.



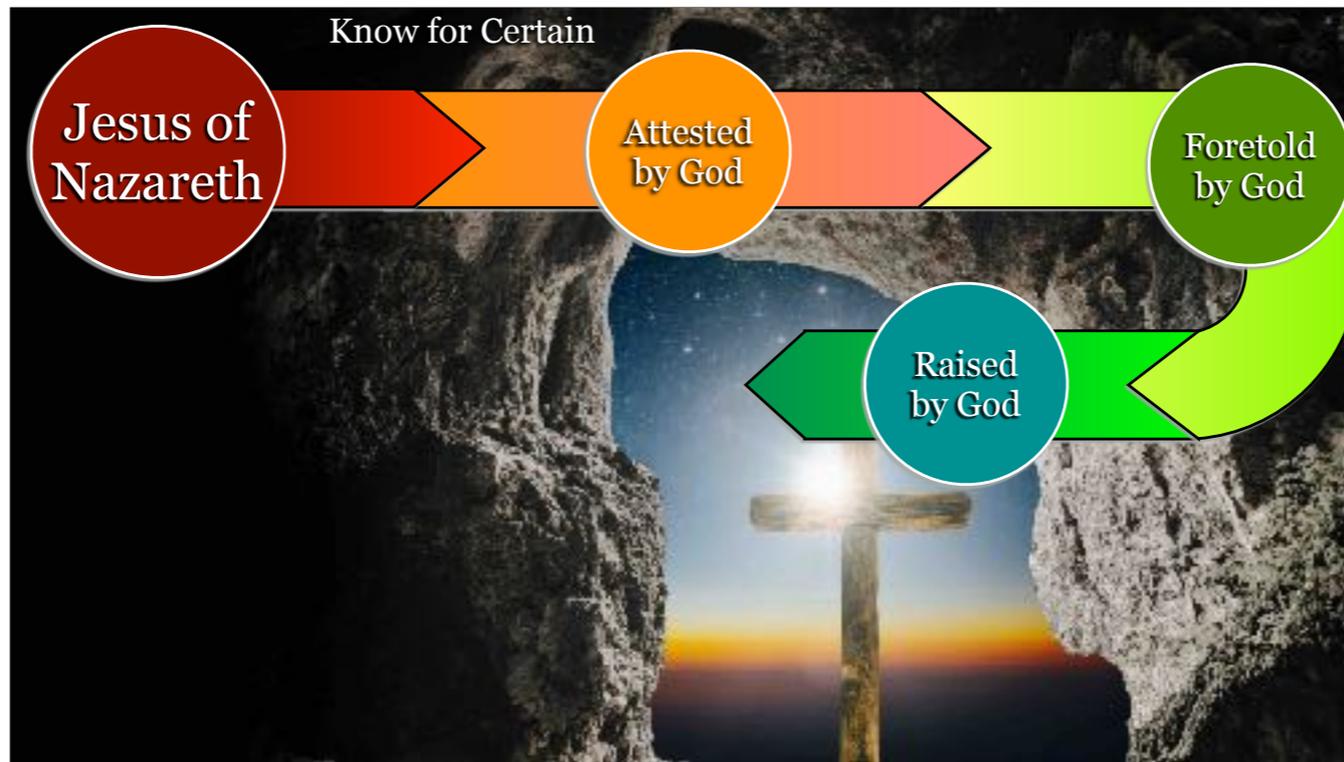
- Hebrews 2:14-15 — Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.



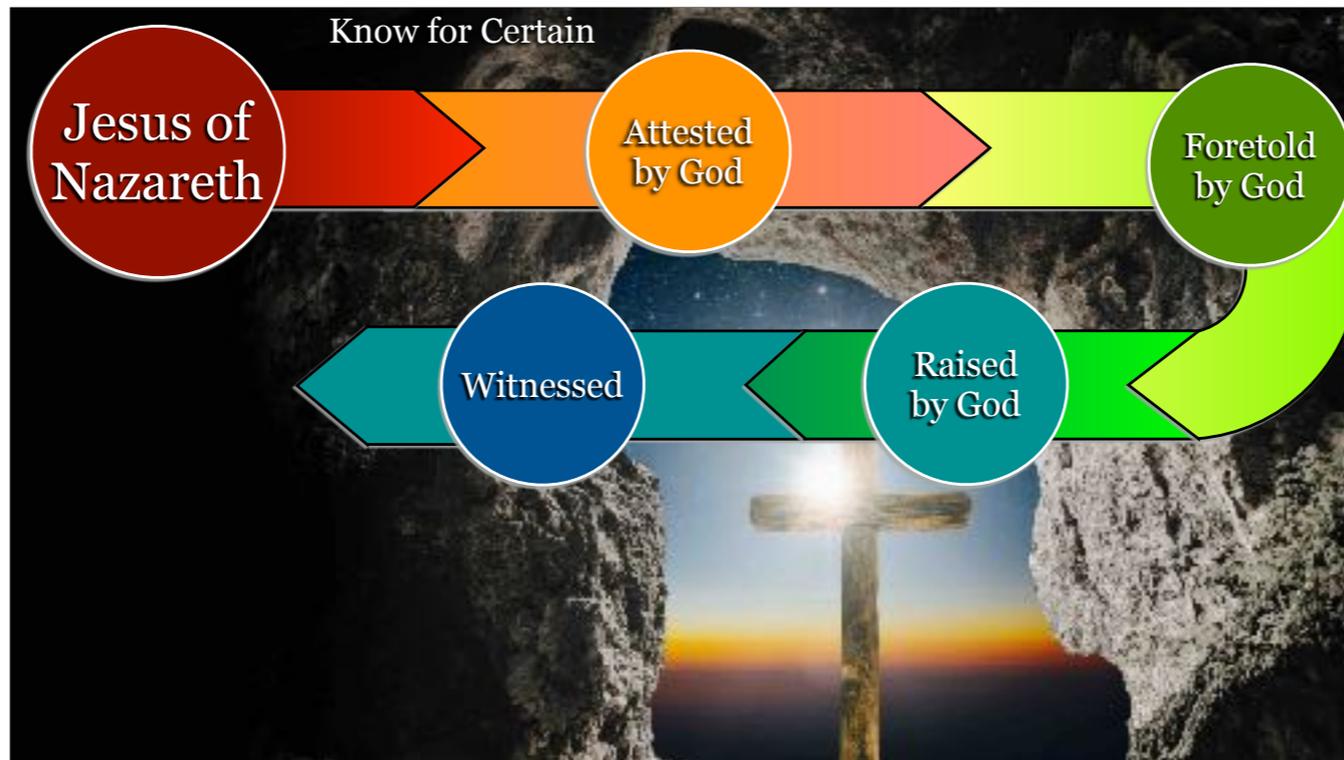
- Revelation 1:17-18 — When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, 18 and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.



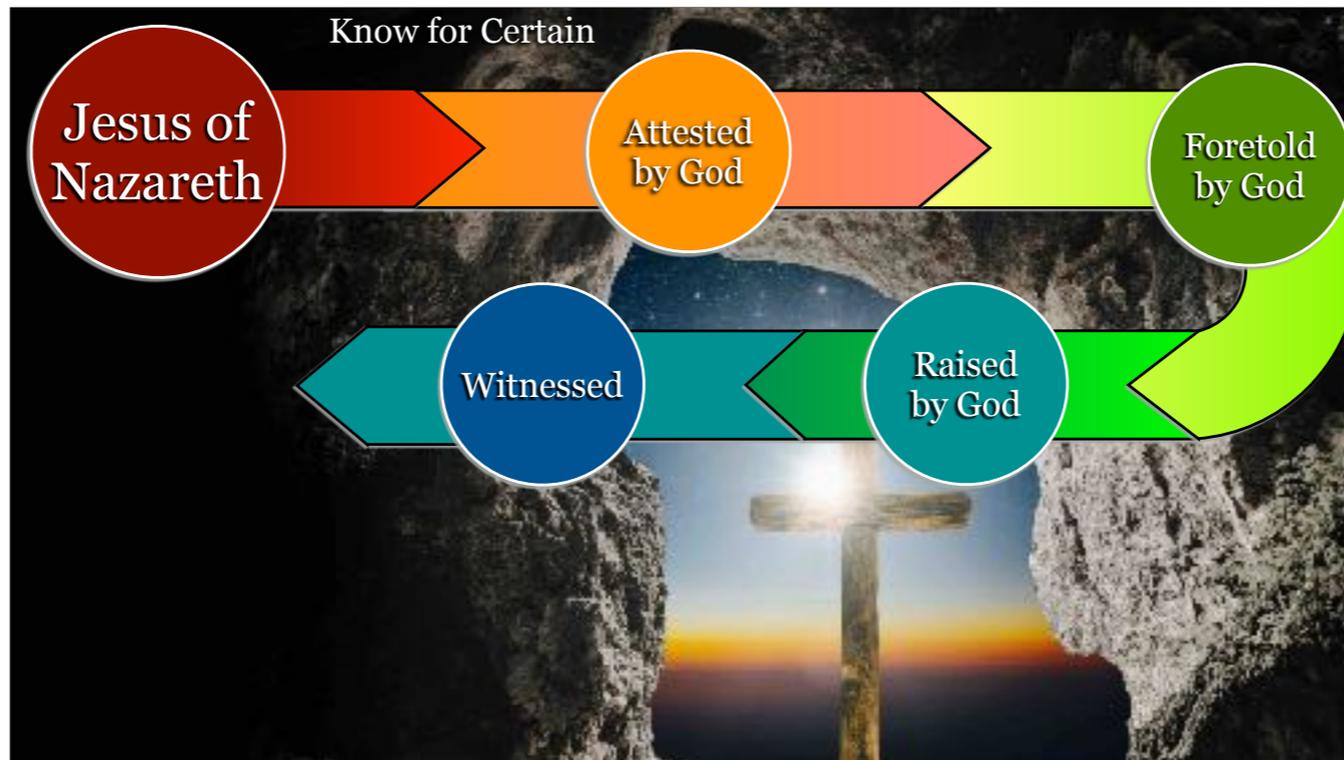
- David Prophesied, but it couldn't be David
 - Psalms 16:8-11 — I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.



- David could not have been speaking of himself: Died, buried, tomb still occupied.
- David, a prophet, looking forward to the Christ.
 - Note that Peter uses this as proof, not just of the resurrection, but of Jesus as the Messiah
- He was not abandoned to Hades
- His body didn't corrupt
- This Jesus... God raised up.

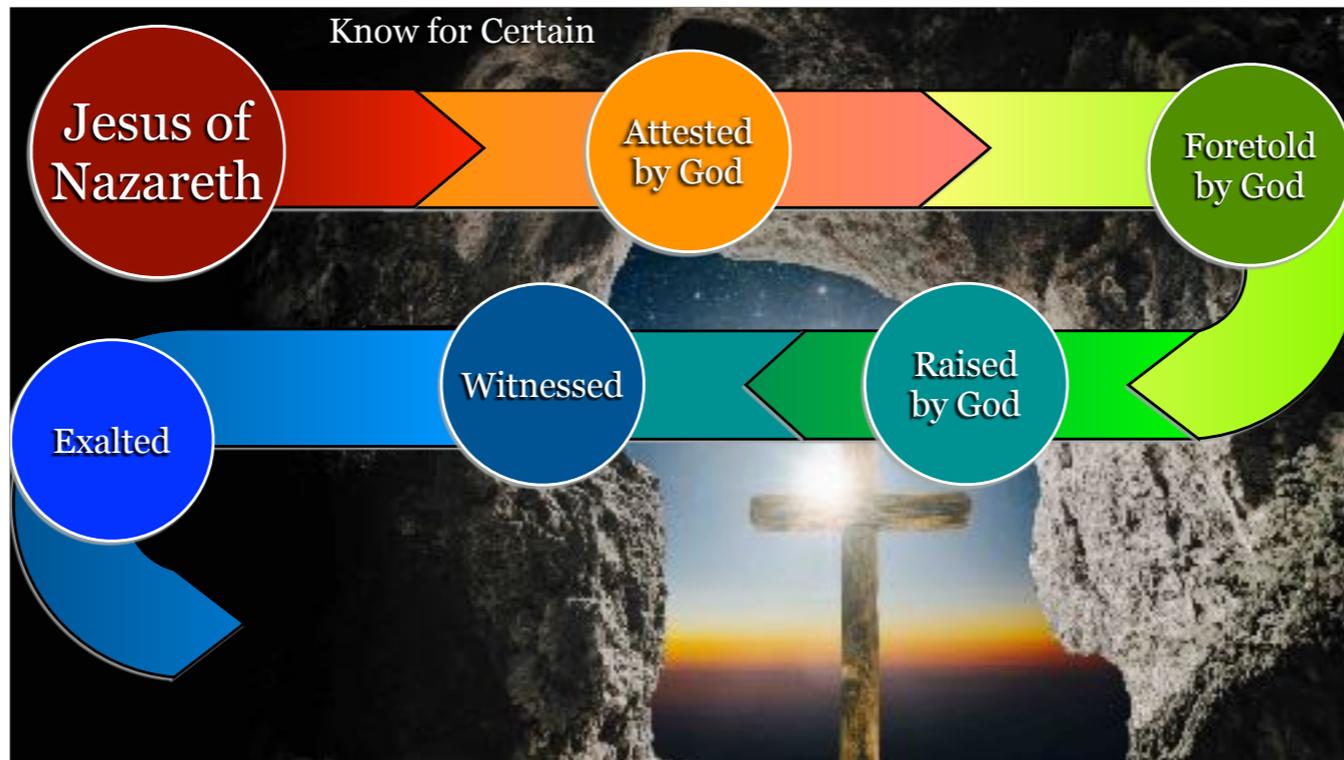


- 4th Witness: Apostles are Witnesses
- Acts 2:32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

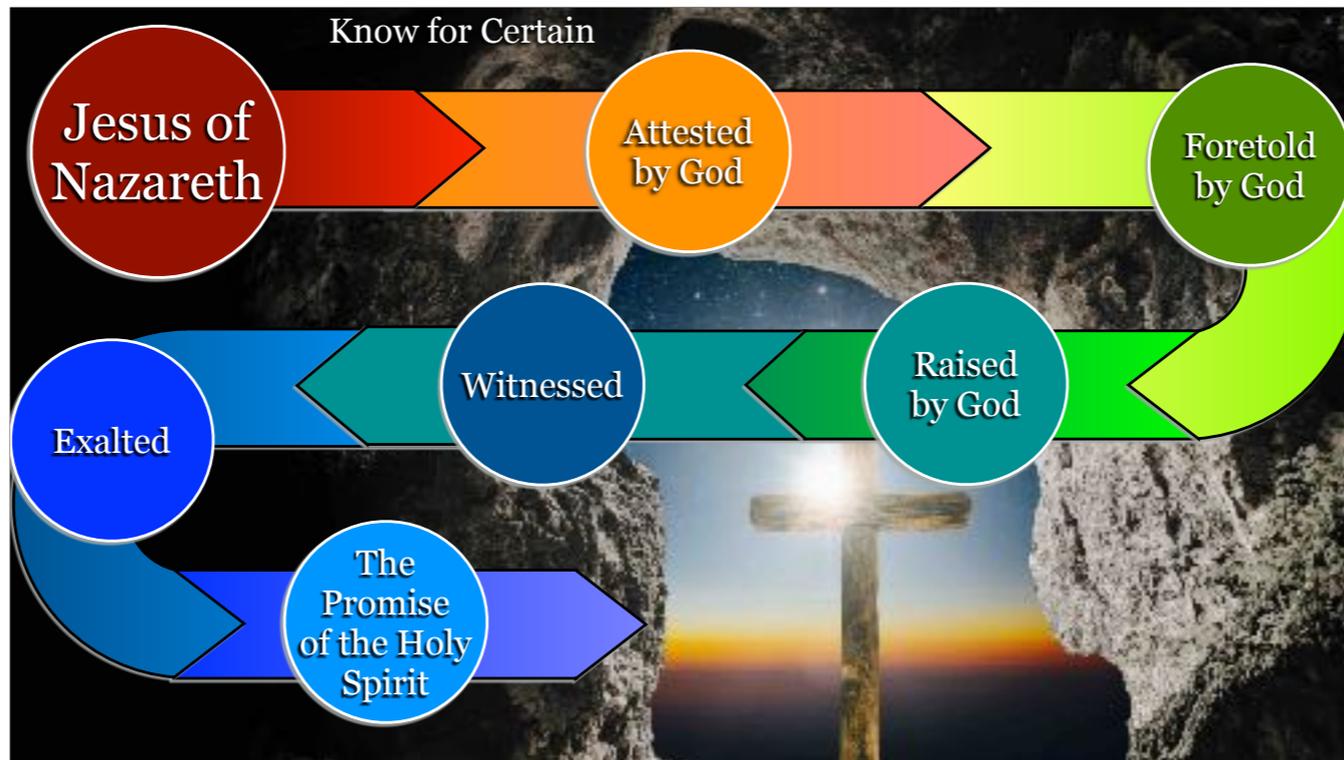


• Paul recounted the many appearances of Jesus: 1 Corinthians 15:5-8

- 5 and that he appeared to Cephas,
- then to the twelve.
- 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.
- 7 Then he appeared to James,
- then to all the apostles.
- 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

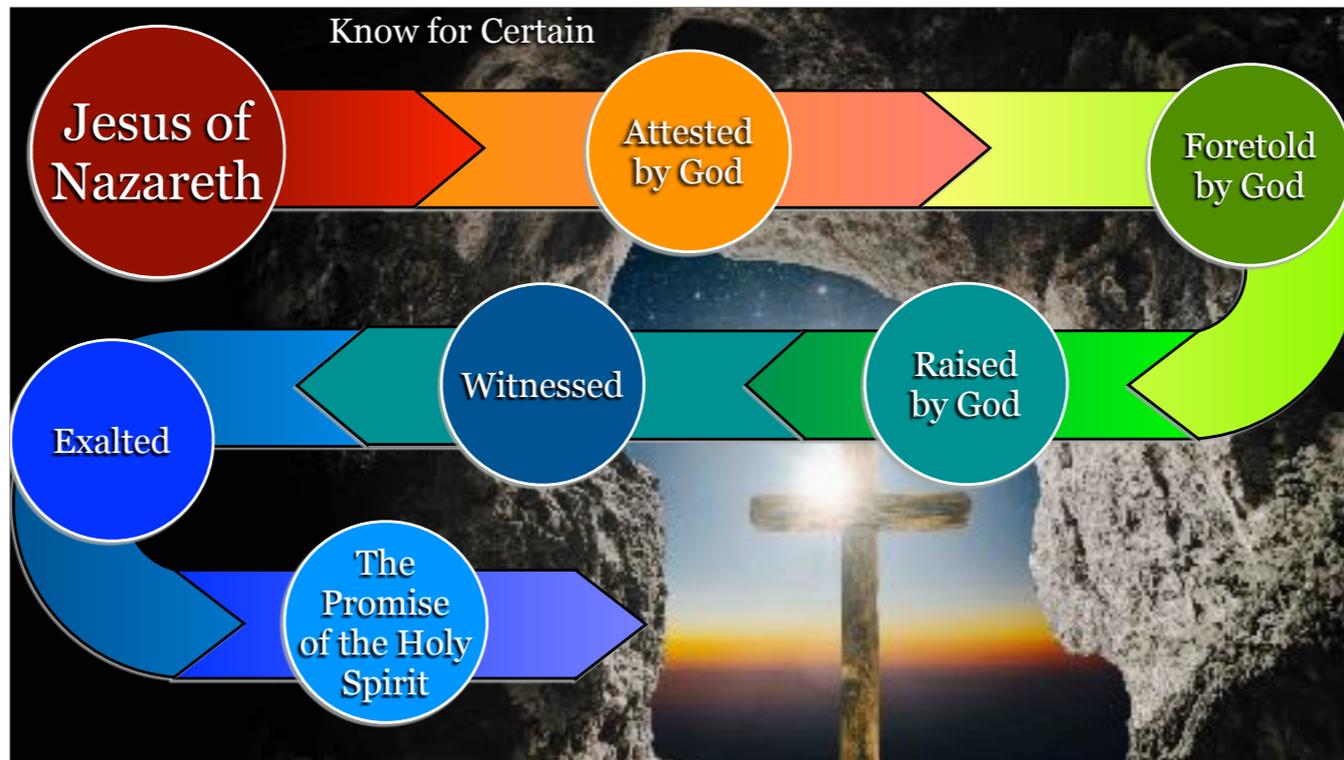


- Exalted
- Acts 2:33-36 — Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. 34 For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, 35 until I make your enemies your footstool.” 36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

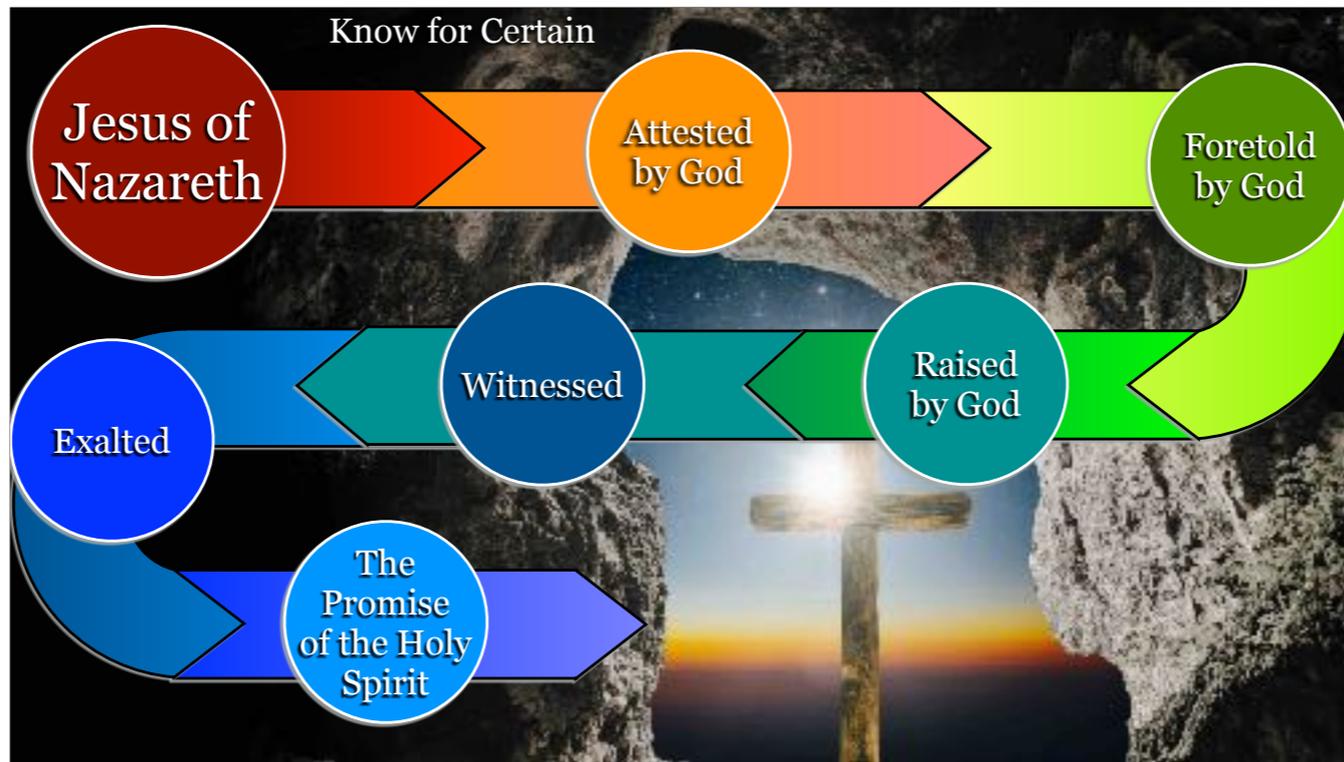


• Holy Spirit poured out...

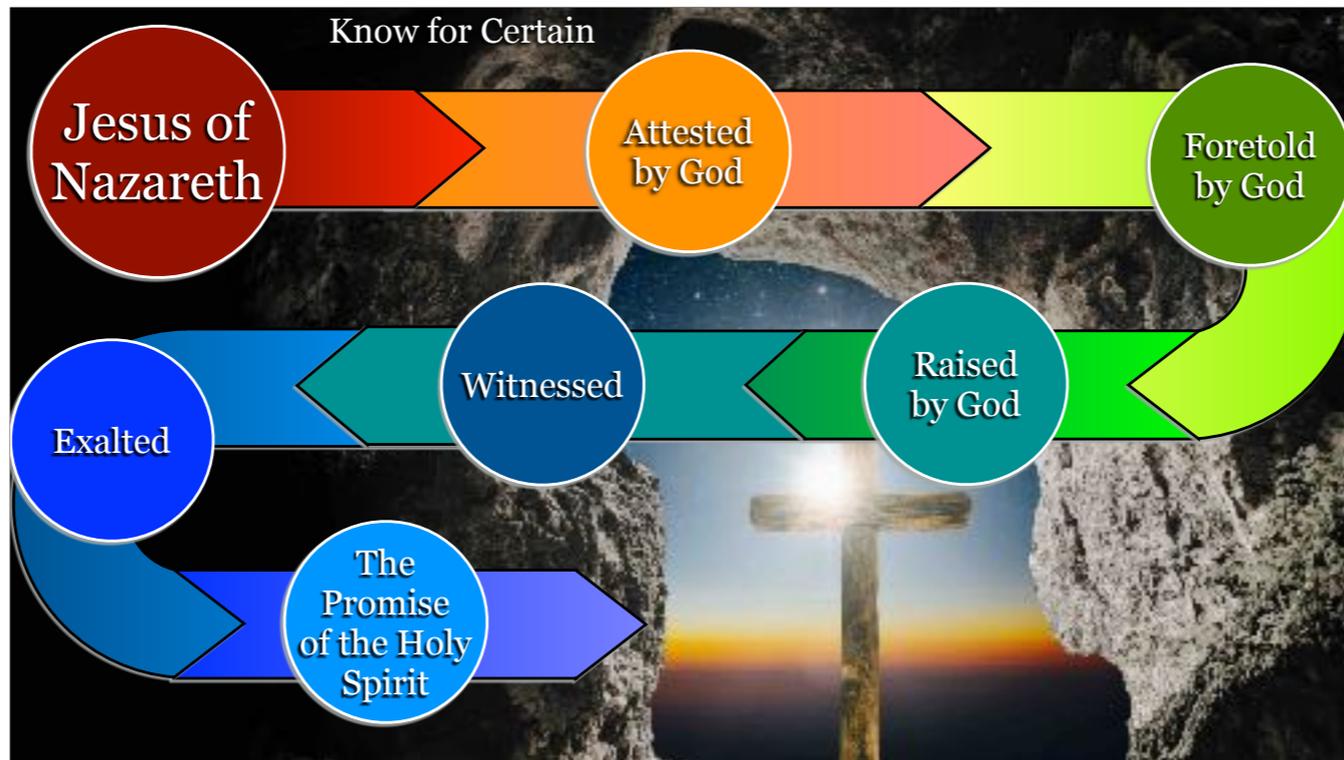
- Mark 9:1 And he said to them, “Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power.”



- Acts 1:4-5 — And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

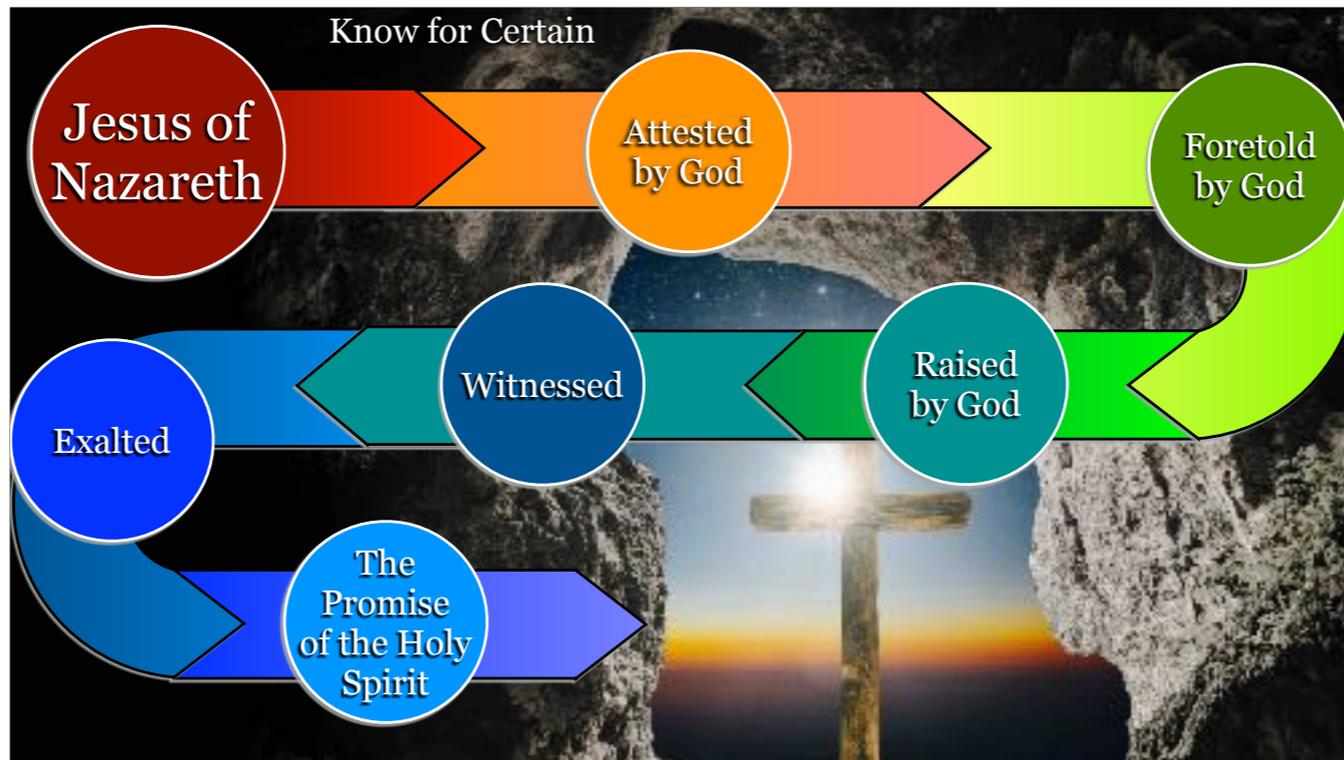


- Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

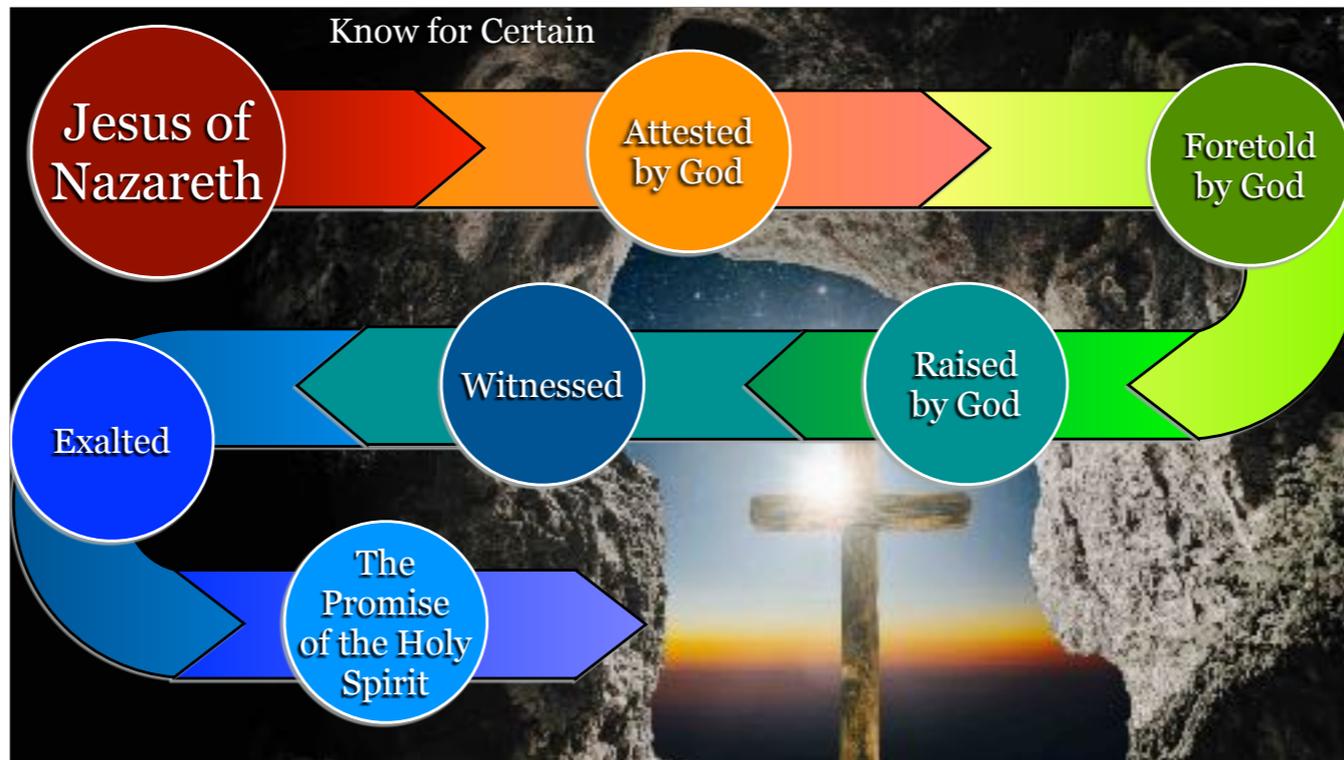


- Acts 2:1-4

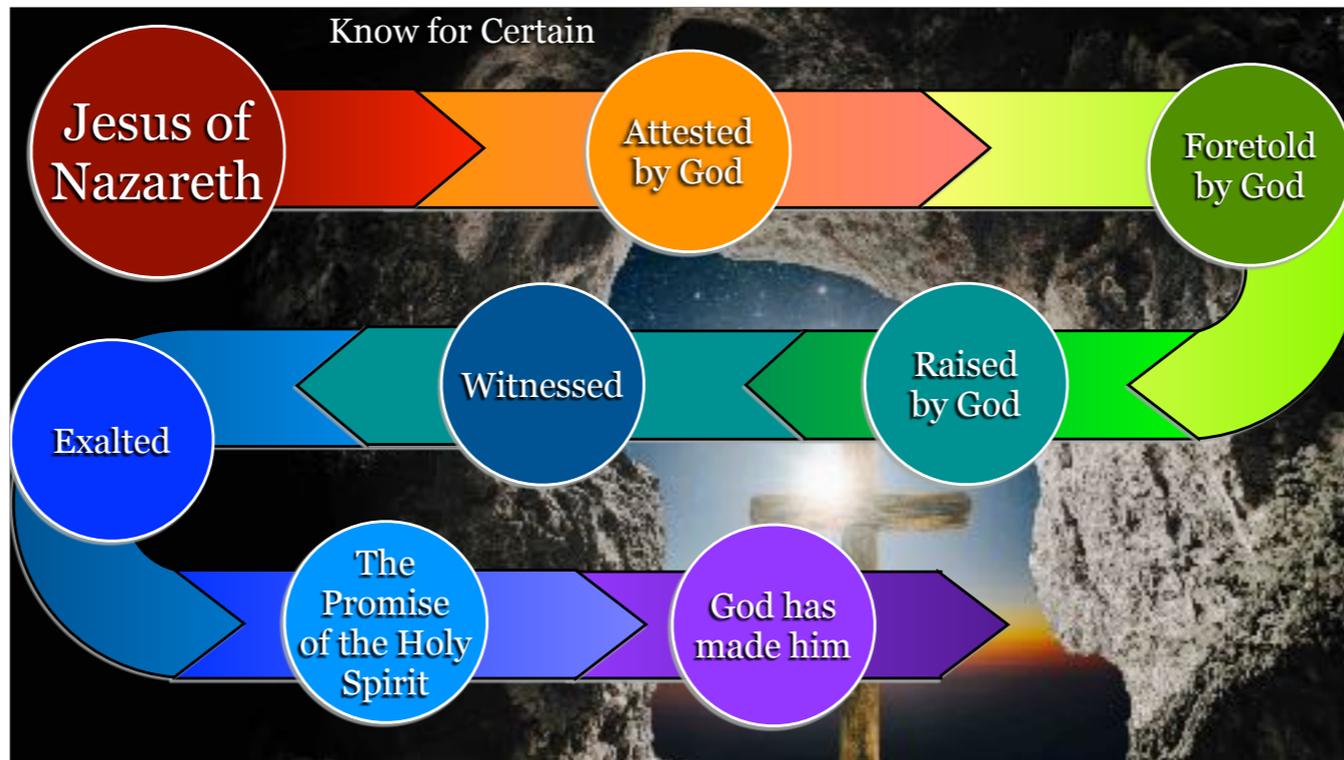
- 1 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.



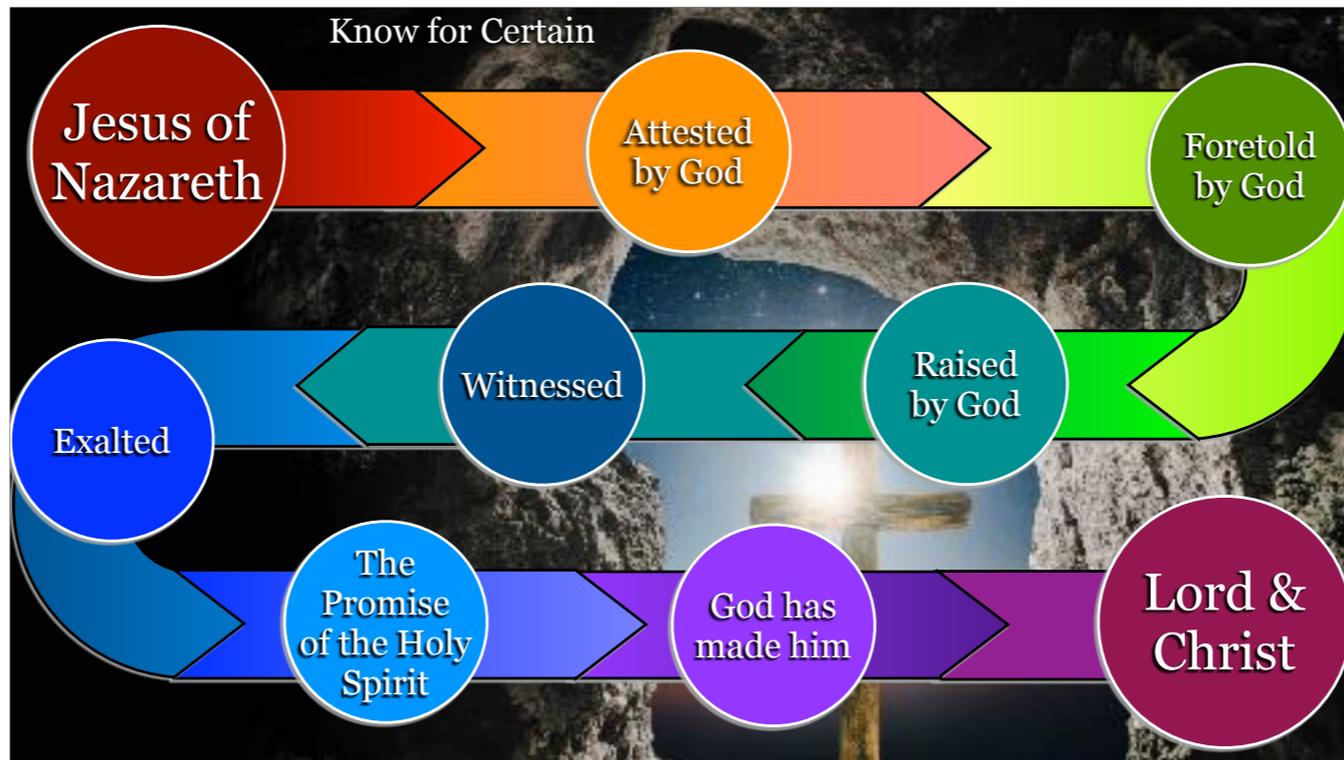
- Acts 2:15-16 (ESV)
 - 15 For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. 16 But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:
- Acts 2:17 “And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;



- Acts 2:18 even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.
- Acts 2:21 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'



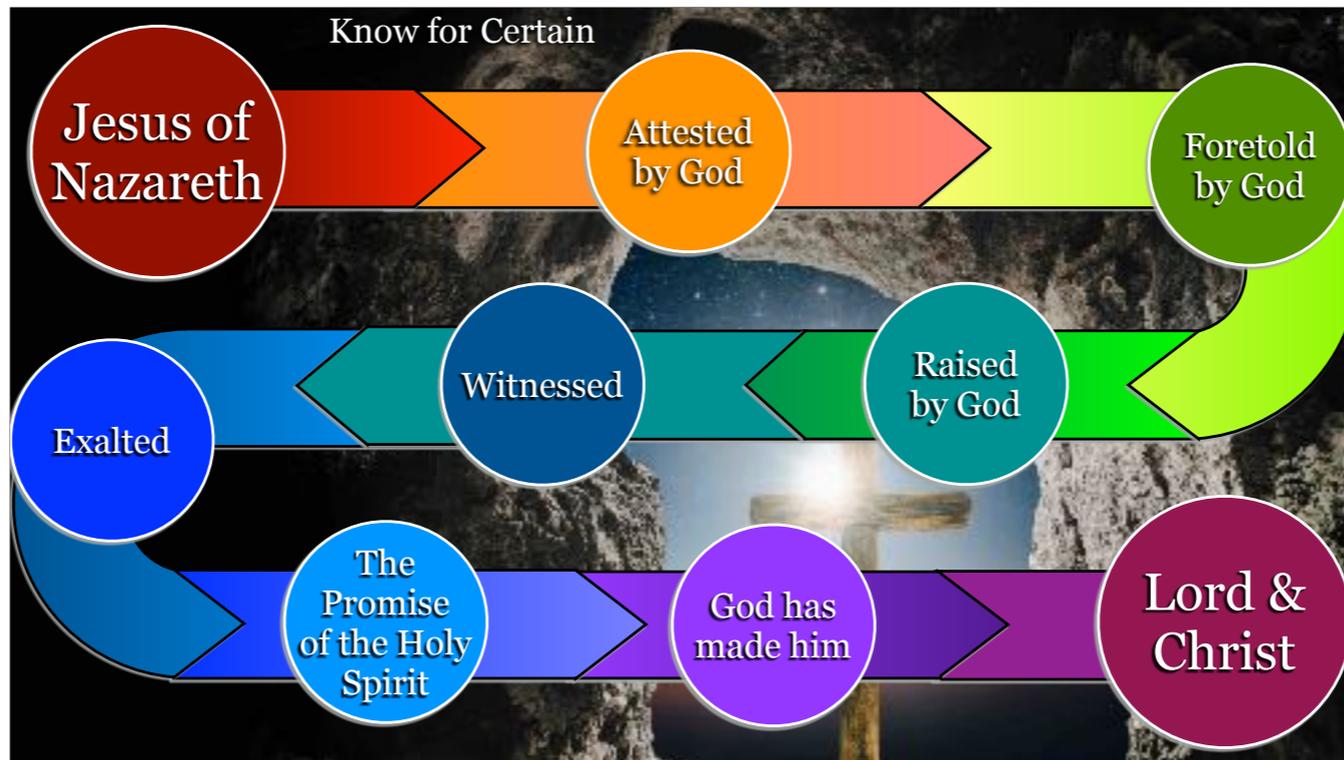
- Acts 2:36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”
- Know for certain:
 - Vincent: Assuredly. Hence, firmly, steadfastly.



- Lord = King & Christ

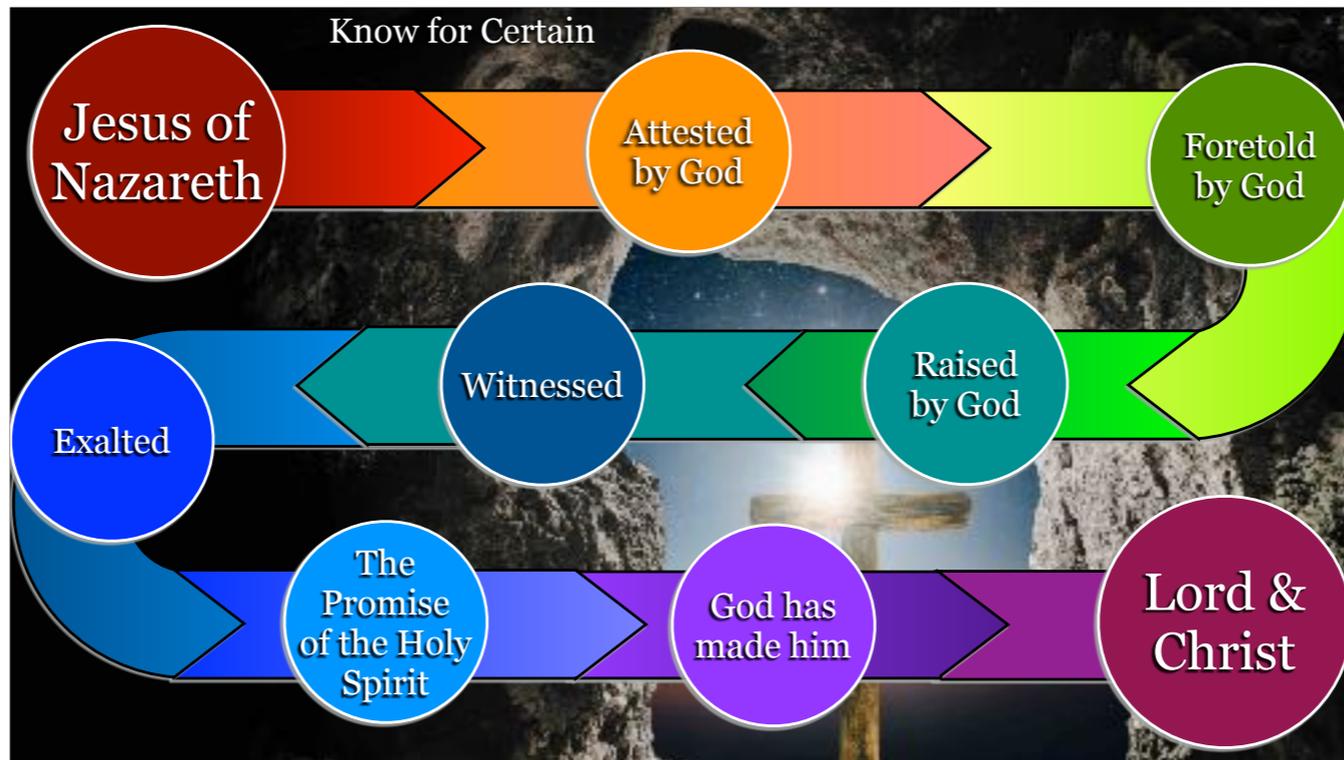
- 1 Timothy 1:15-17 (ESV)

- 15 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. 16 But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. 17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.



- Conclusion

- Peter concludes with a plea for the Jews to realize that despite their sin, there is hope in Jesus
 - Because He was raised from the God, we can be also...
 - 1 Corinthians 6:14 And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.
 - 2 Corinthians 4:14 knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence.



- We, too, can be saved by Jesus since He is the Lord and Christ
 - Know: faith, believe and trust in Him
 - Do as they did: repent and be baptized
- Save Yourself!

We implore you
on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.

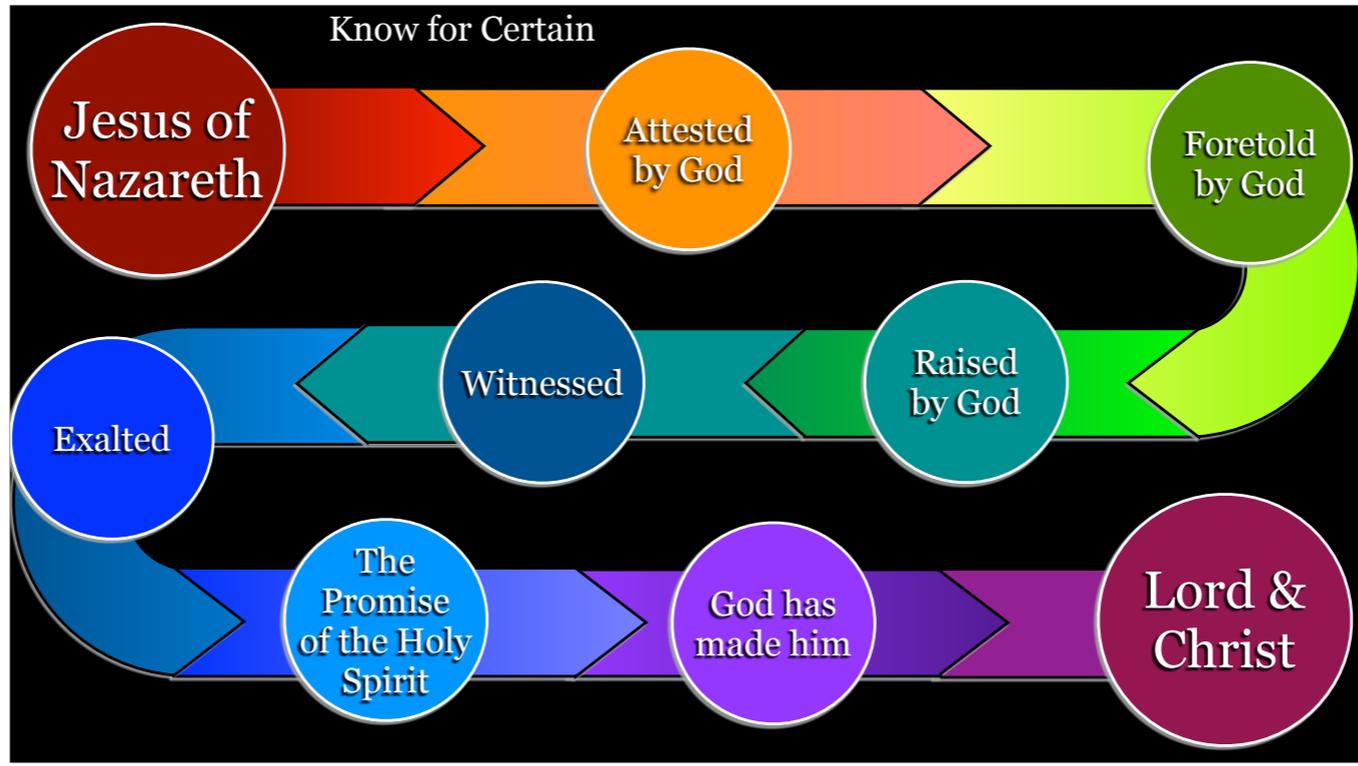
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Know for Certain

Acts 2:14-41

Synopsis: Peter's sermon on Pentecost demonstrates the certainty that Jesus is Lord and Christ using for proofs: His miracles, prophecy, His resurrection, and witnesses. The certain conclusion is that He is Lord and Christ, and we can be saved when we repent and are baptized.

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